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Ashley J. Williams has returned the hero, with his best chick at his side and the hordes of Deadites seemingly vanquished. He is, however, blissfully unaware of his role as the Chosen One, but that's just fine by him as he resumes a contented life.

However, deep in the underworld, amidst the fires and flames of Hell, a group of demons has a problem. A problem that can only be solved by Ash himself...

Seeking to fill the role of the vacated "Sloth," the demons of the underworld have set their sights on Ash to fill the role of their departed brother. Throwing all manner of horror at him can have one of two effects: kill him, or return him to his power as the Chosen One! Read on and find out which way the wind blows for Ash!

Writers James Kuhoric and Mike Raicht, along with artists Fernando Blanco and Pere Perez present "Home Sweet Hell" (issues 9-12) collected here for the very first time. This trade paperback collection also includes a complete cover gallery, featuring the work of Fabiano Neves and Stjepan Sejic!



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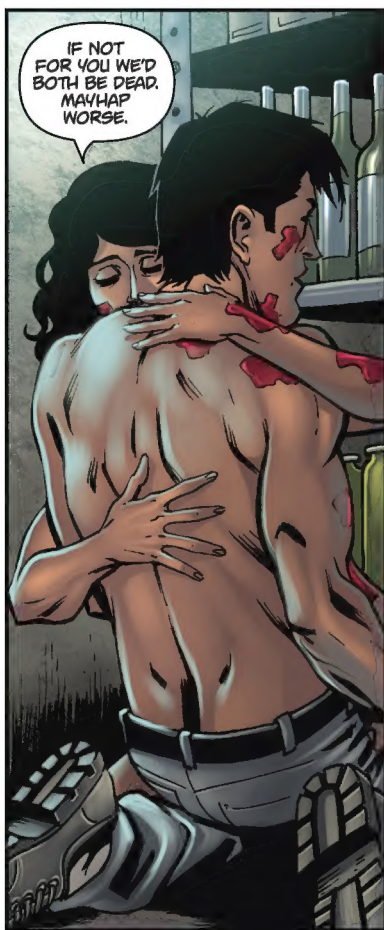
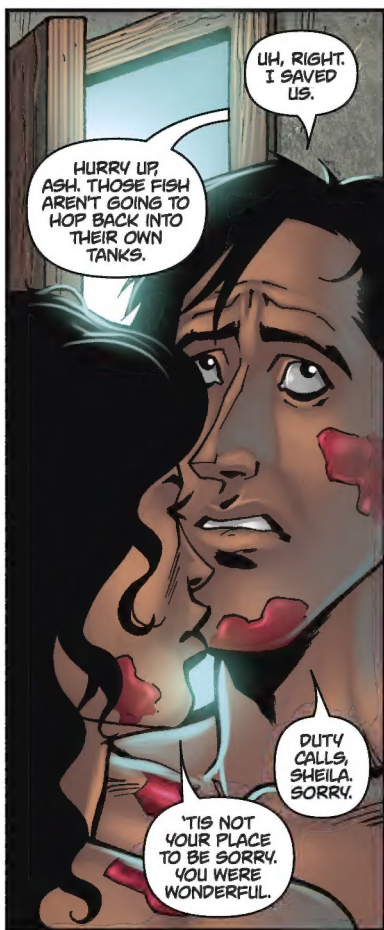
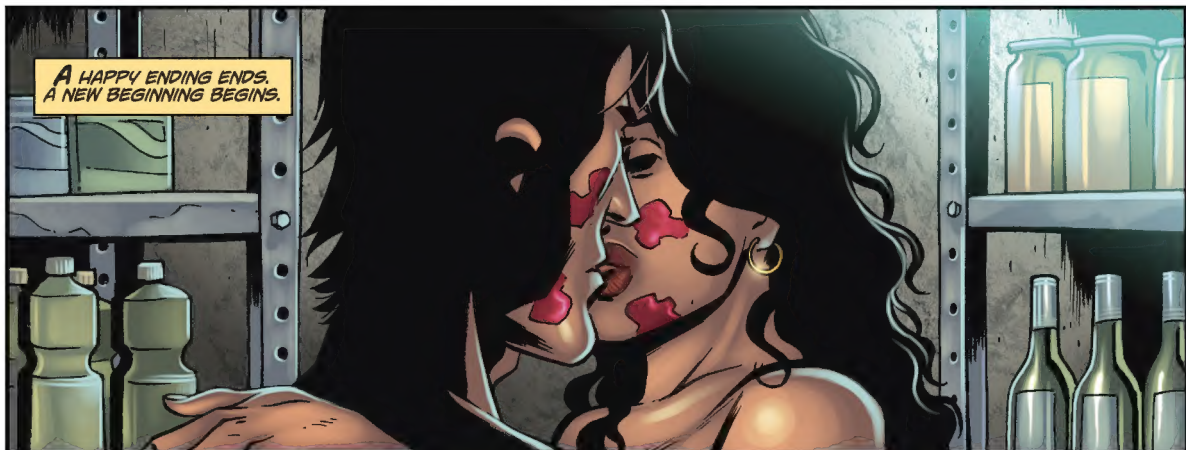
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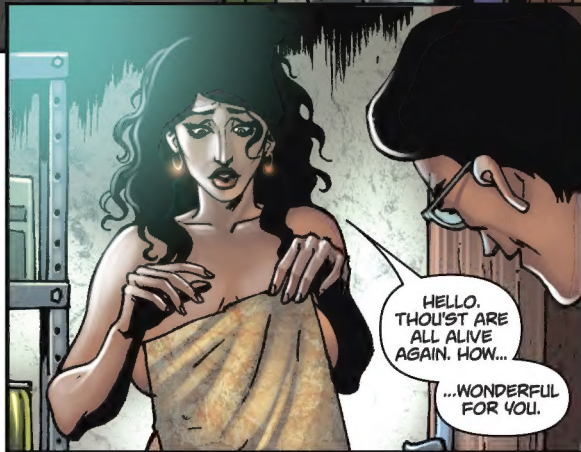
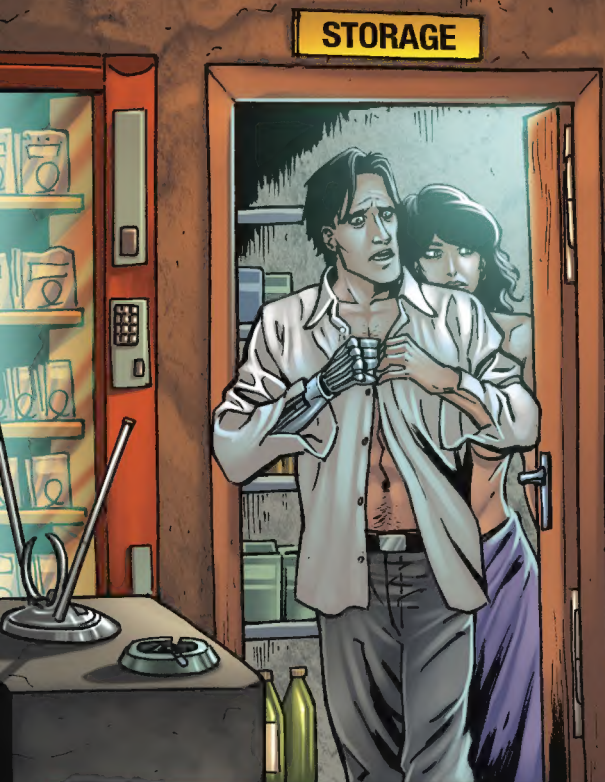


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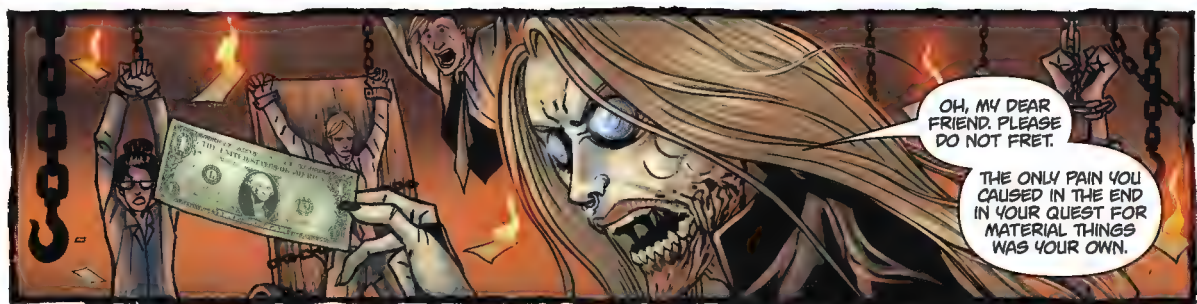
A PLACE THAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS EXTREMELY CLOSE TO HELL...



WHO'S NEXT, MY MISERLY FRIENDS?

NO MORE! NO MORE!

I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T REALIZE THE PAIN I WAS CAUSING...



OH, MY DEAR FRIEND. PLEASE DO NOT FRET.

THE ONLY PAIN YOU CAUSED IN THE END IN YOUR QUEST FOR MATERIAL THINGS WAS YOUR OWN.



AND TO THINK FOR ALL OF YOU IN THIS ROOM, IT WAS OVER A SILLY LITTLE PIECE OF PAPER LIKE THIS ONE.



NOW IT'S TIME TO PAY THE PIPER WITH YOUR BLOOD.

NOOOO!

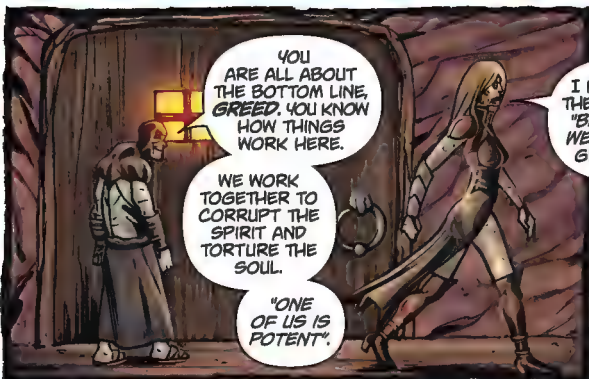




WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS BOTHER ME? AREN'T ANY OF THE OTHERS CAPABLE OF HELPING YOU? I'M STILL GETTING USED TO IT DOWN HERE.

YOU WANT ME TO BOTHER WRATH?

NO. WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO CLEAN UP A MESS LIKE THAT AGAIN.

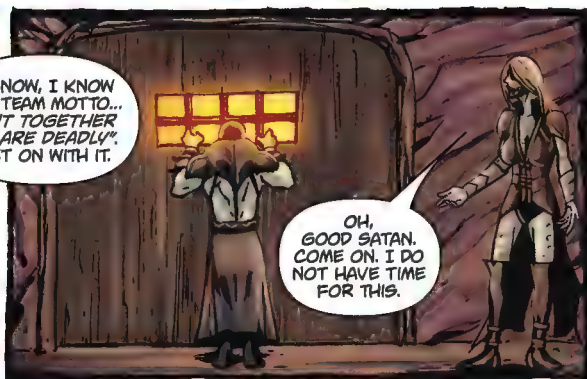


YOU ARE ALL ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE, GREED. YOU KNOW HOW THINGS WORK HERE.

WE WORK TOGETHER TO CORRUPT THE SPIRIT AND TORTURE THE SOUL.

"ONE OF US IS POTENT".

I KNOW, I KNOW THE TEAM MOTTO... "BUT TOGETHER WE ARE DEADLY". GET ON WITH IT.



OH, GOOD SATAN. COME ON. I DO NOT HAVE TIME FOR THIS.



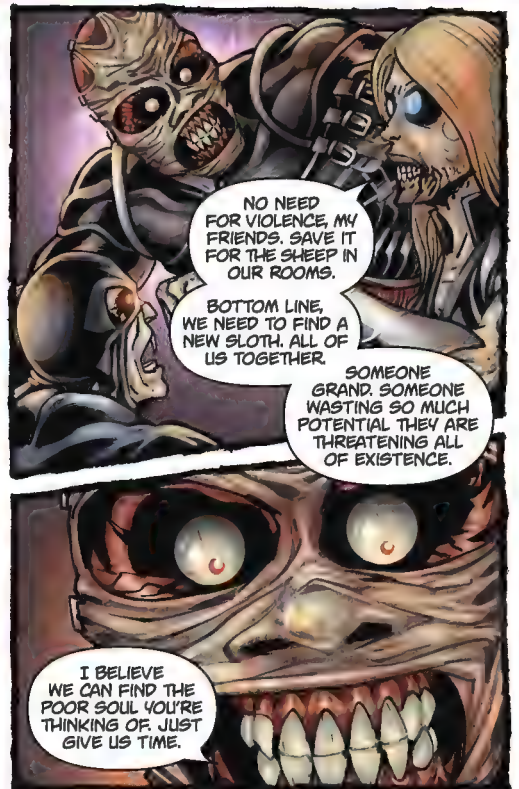
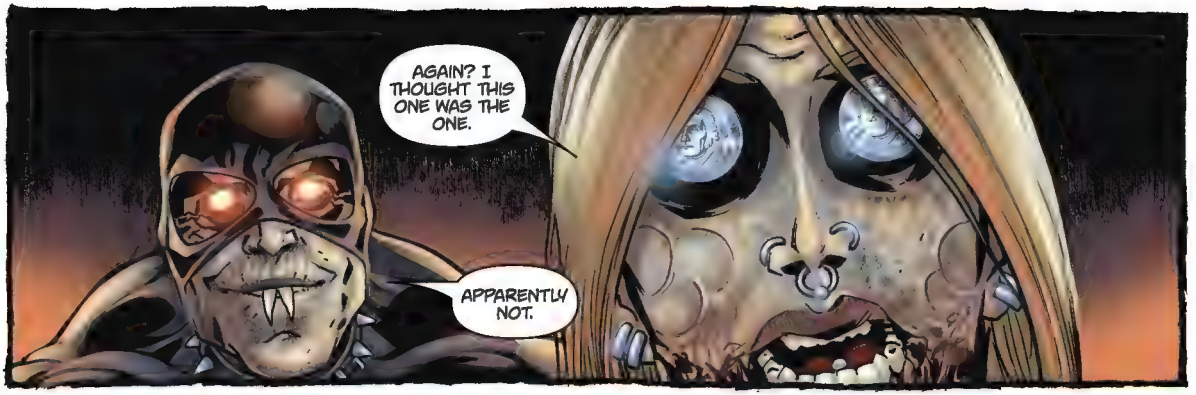
SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE THE WINDOW AT THE TOP OF THE DOOR IF SHE DIDN'T WANT US TO PEEK FROM TIME TO TIME.

BESIDES... LUST IN HER TRUE FORM...HOW CAN YOU PASS BY THAT?



IF THIS IS JUST YOU TRYING TO GET ME JEALOUS OF HOW MUCH FUN LUST IS ALWAYS HAVING? I SWEAR TO YOU I--

IT'S NOT THAT. WE HAVE A PROBLEM.





THIS IS MY
CHOSEN ONE.

HIS NAME IS
ASHLEY J. WILLIAMS.

HE IS THE GREATEST
HERO THE WORLD HAS
EVER KNOWN.

THIS MAN HAS SAVED HISTORY
AS WE KNOW IT. HE HAS
THWARTED THE APOCALYPSE
AND THE END OF DAYS.

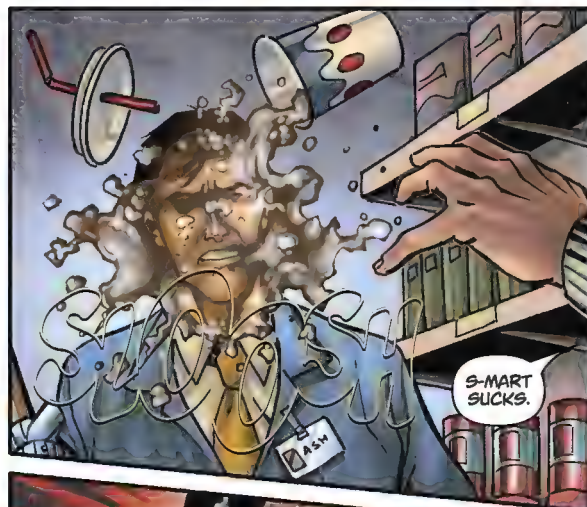
AND I AM HIS
CHOSEN LADY.


HE HAS SAVED ME
FROM A HORRIFIC
FATE MORE TIMES
THAN I'D LIKE TO
COUNT.

HIS SIMPLE NATURE AT
TIMES MAY CONCEAL HIS
LION'S HEART--

--AND HIS
MANLY WAYS.

AND I AM NOT
ASHAMED TO ADMIT
I LOVE HIM FOR
ALL OF IT.





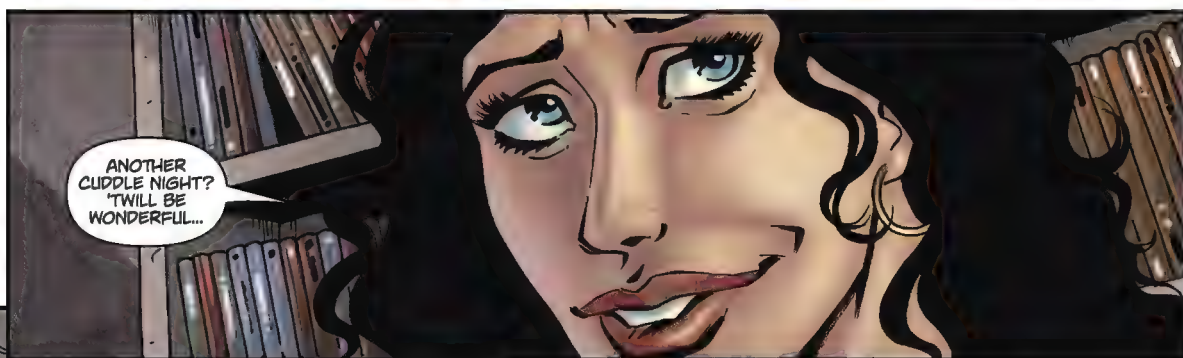
THIS IS NOT THE MAN WHO
SWEEP ME FROM MY TIME
AND INTO THIS NEW LIFE OF
ADVENTURE AND EXCITEMENT.

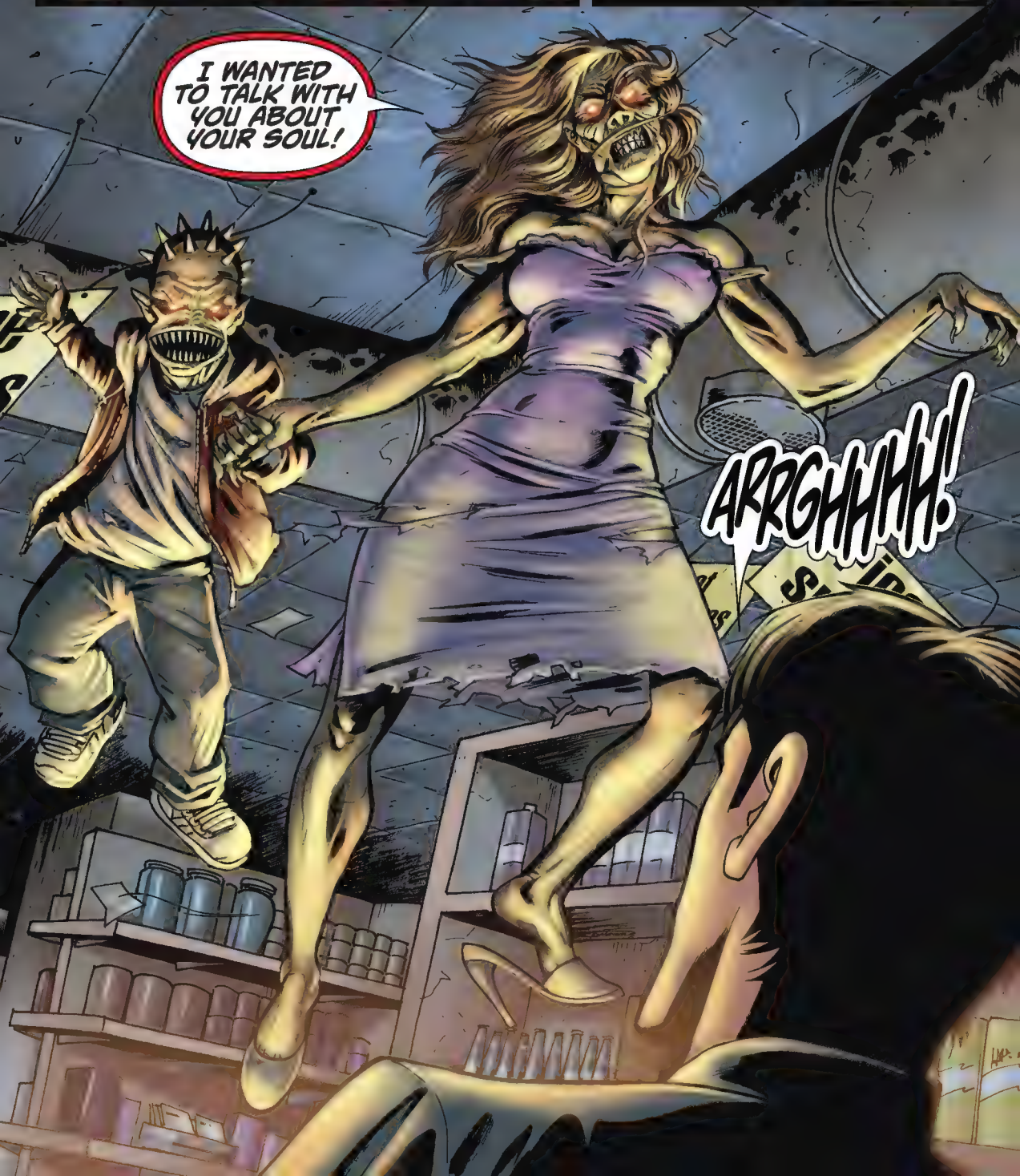
THERE WERE UPS AND DOWNS LIKE
IN ANY RELATIONSHIP BEING
POSSESSED BY A FOUL DEMON,
LICKED BY A LARGE MUTANT MAN
AND FACING OFF AGAINST THE
FOUR HORSEMEN WAS NO BASKET
CELEBRATION IN THE PARK.

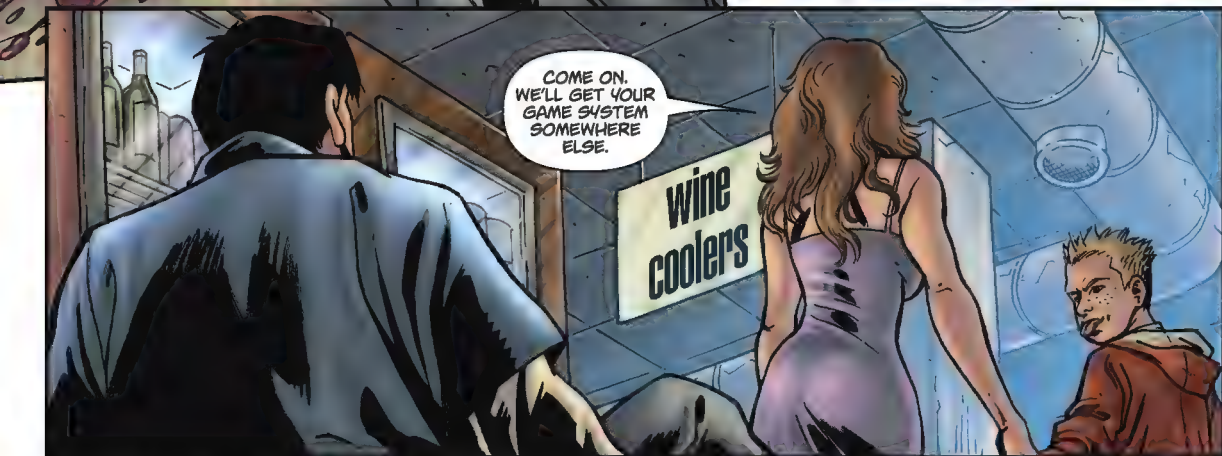
IT WAS A HARD
LIFE BUT I KNEW WE
WOULD PREVAIL AND
BE TOGETHER.

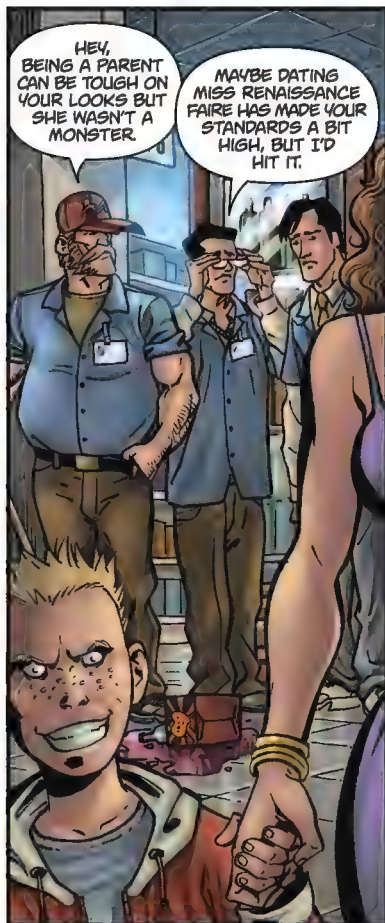
BUT NOW THAT
WE ARE TOGETHER,
ASHLEY SEEMS A
BIT... DIFFERENT.
NOT SO "CHOSEN"
ANYMORE.

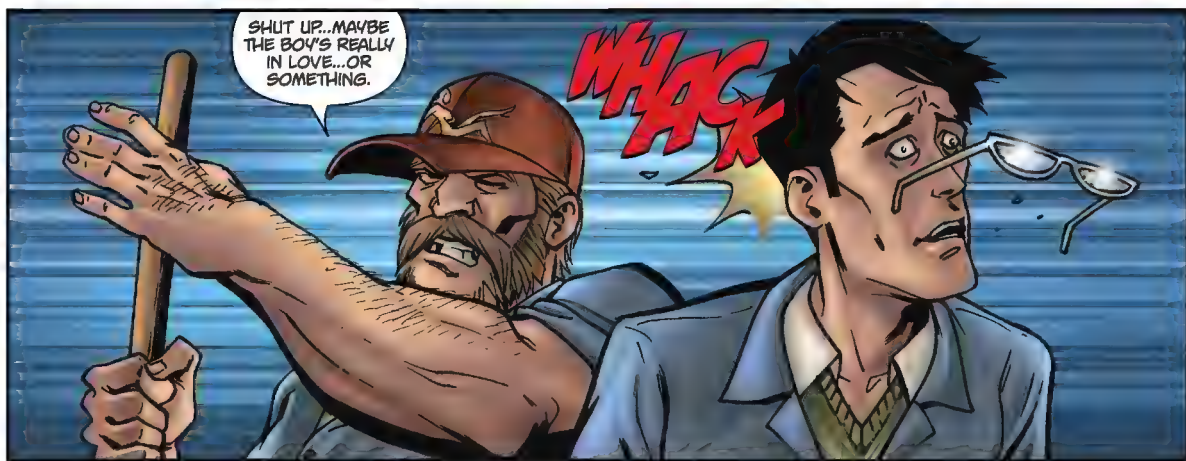
WHAT DO
YOU SAY? LET'S
GO A LITTLE NUTS
AND ORDER AN ALL-
ORGANIC MEAL AND
HAVE OURSELVES A
MOVIE NIGHT.

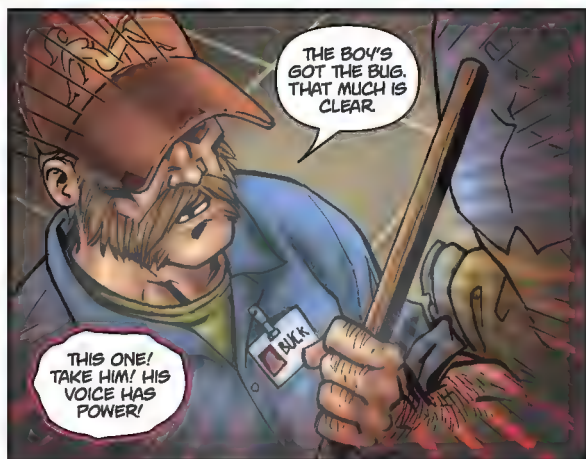
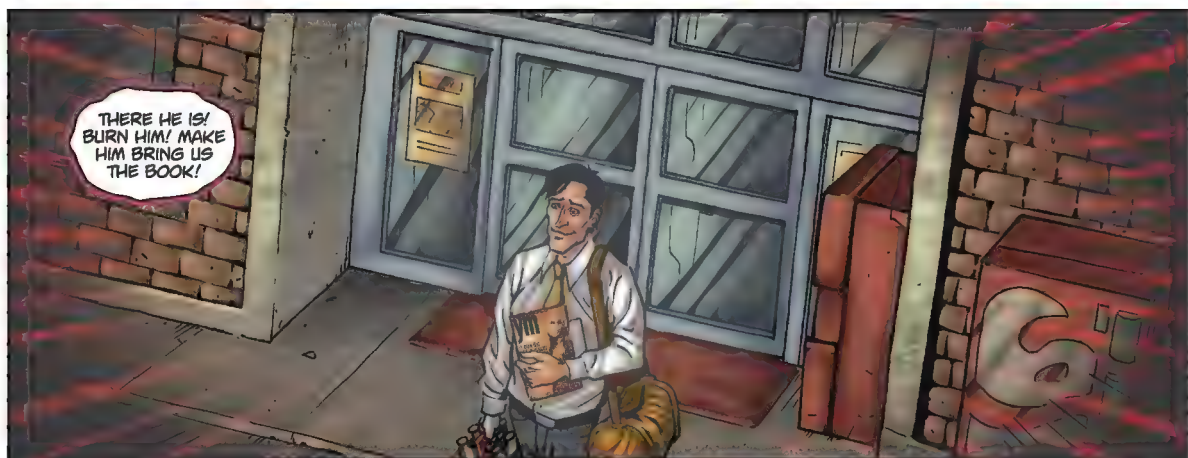


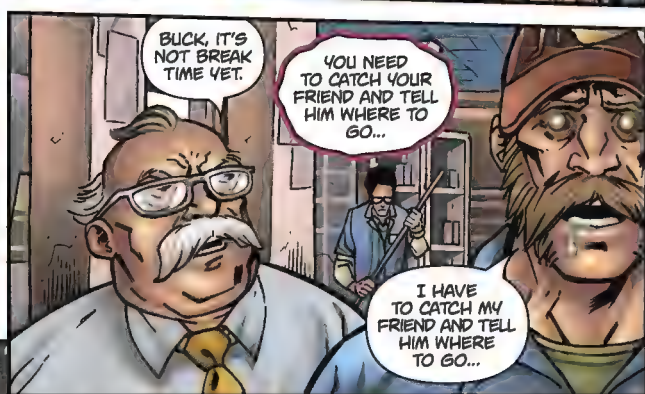
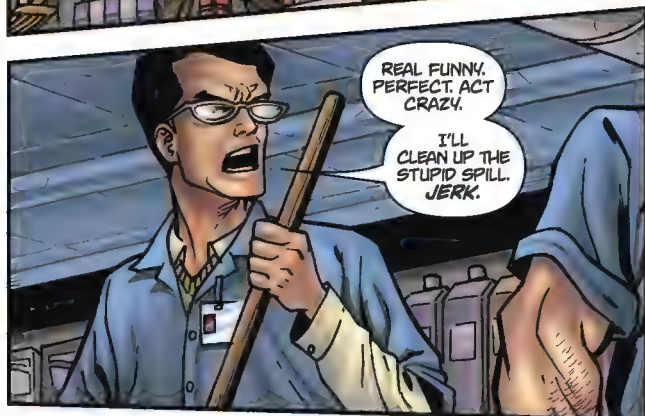














TELL
YOUR FRIEND OF A
SMALL SECLUDED
CABIN...

A CABIN? THAT
WOULD BE PERFECT
FOR SHEILA AND I
TO HAVE A LITTLE
BONDING TIME.

WHERE
IS IT?



BABA YAGA
WANTS THE BOOK!
THE KANDARIAN
TOME! THE
NECRONOMICON!

YES,
FVKYR THAT
IS WHAT I
WANT.



THIS IS
WHERE TIME DIVERGED
FOR THIS SIMPLETON.
THIS IS WHERE THE
CHOSEN ONE BEGAN
HIS JOURNEY...

IT IS HERE
MY HUNT FOR THE
NECRONOMICON
WILL BEGIN!



THE BOOK OF
THE DEAD! THE
BOOK OF THE
DEAD!



THAT'S RIGHT MY
LITTLE FVKYR AND
NOW I HAVE A
TASK FOR YOU.



IT WAS NICE OF
BUCK TO OFFER
US THE CABIN,
WASN'T IT?



UH-HUH.

ALTHOUGH I
DID WANT TO
WATCH THAT
MOVIE.

IS THAT
A GOOD
BOOK?

'TIS
FASCINATING.



HE WASN'T
KIDDING ABOUT THIS
BEING SECLUDED. THIS
ROAD ISN'T EVEN A
LINE ON ANY MAP
WE HAVE.

ALTHOUGH,
I MIGHT BE ABLE
TO SEE BETTER
WITH THE
FLASHLIGHT.

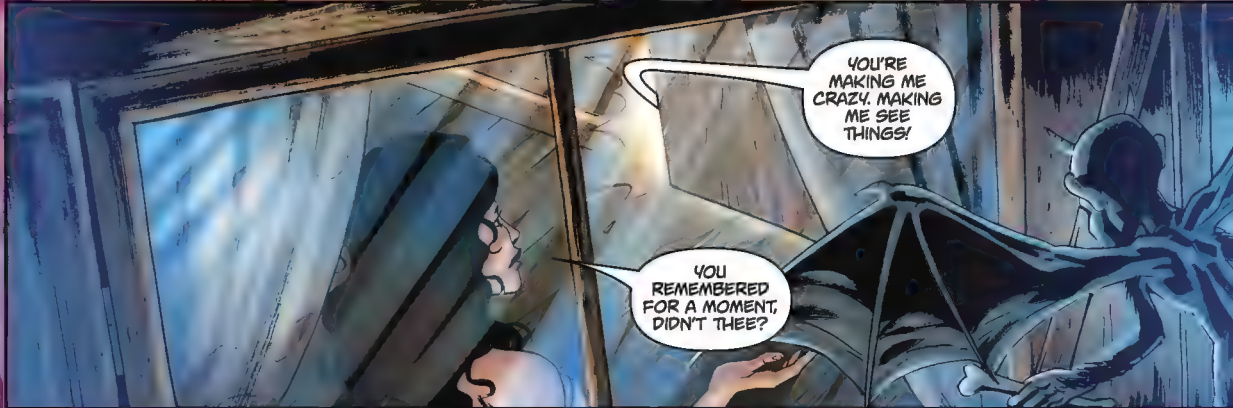
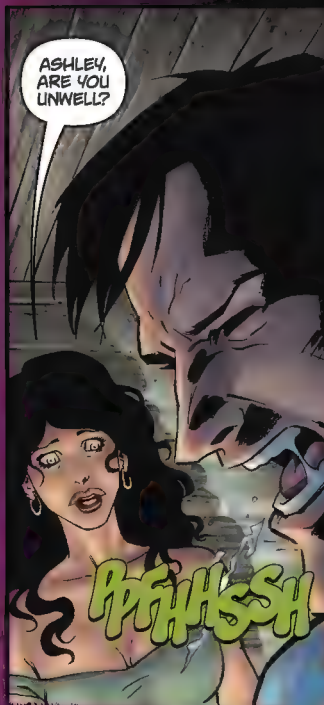


AND HERE
WE ARE.



LOOKS COZY,
DOESN'T IT?

'TIS A
BIT MEDIEVAL
LOOKING.





ASHLEY, I'M
NOT TRYING TO
HURT YOU.



I JUST WANT
YOU TO REMEMBER
ASHLEY. TO BE YOUR
OLD SELF.

SOMETHING
HAPPENED WHEN
YOU CHANGED
HISTORY.

IT MADE YOU
DIFFERENT! AND
I THINK THE BOOK
DID IT ON
PURPOSE!



I JUST WISH
I KNEW A WAY TO
MAKE YOU THE
CHOSEN ONE
AGAIN!

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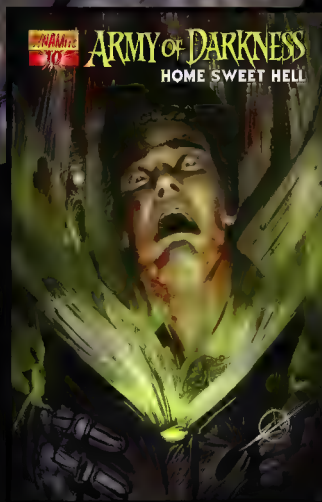
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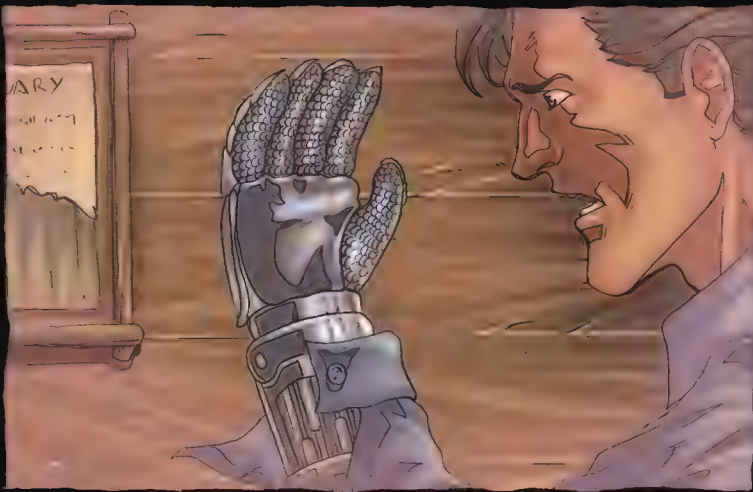
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OH, SWEET
LORD IN HEAVEN!
WHAT ARE
THEY?

TIS' THE
UNDEAD MY LOVE!
THIS IS IT, CHOSEN ONE!
COME GET SOME!



WHAT ART
THOU WAITING
FOR?

SAVE ME!

UH...

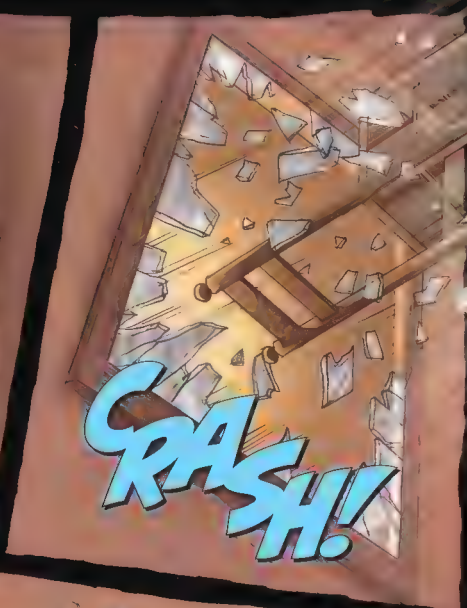


...RUN!

ASHLEY?



FOLLOW ME,
SHEILA!



CRASH!




OOOF,
MIND THE
GLASS.



GOTTA GO.
GOTTA GO.

THAT WAS
PAINFUL FOR ME
TO WATCH AND
I'M A DEADLY SIN
WHO DEALS OUT
PUNISHMENT IN
PURGATORY.





EXACTLY!
ONE OF THE
CHOSEN ONES IS A
COWARD. HOW MUCH
MORE PATHETIC AND
SLOTHFUL CAN
WE GET?

NOT
MUCH. I
AGREE.

I STILL THINK
THE CRAZY, BLEACHED
WHORE POP SINGER WOULD
BE THE BETTER CHOICE.
SHE HAS SUCH A NICE
VOICE AND CAN DANCE
BUT HER CHOICES
ARE JUST—

SILENCE,
PRIDE. WE VOTE.
I CHOOSE THE
CHOSEN ONE.

I THINK THE
WHORE. SHE'S PUTTING
ON SOME WEIGHT, AND
THE MAN IS MUCH LESS...
SLOTH-LIKE THAN OUR
LAST MEMBER.

THAT'S THE
BEAUTY OF IT. MAYBE
HE WON'T BE A QUITTER.
I CHOOSE THE
CHOSEN ONE.

YOU'RE JUST A
SLUT, OR WHATEVER,
WHO DOESN'T WANT ANY
COMPETITION DOWN
HERE. YOU KNOW MY
VOTE. THE GIRL.

THE
COWARD.

GREED

GLUTTONY

LUST

PRIDE

ENVY





ZOMBIES!?

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
THERE IS NO
SUCH THING AS
ZOMBIES!



WE MUST BE
GOING CRAZY! MAYBE
SOMETHING WAS WRONG
WITH THAT WINE COOLER?
DID YOU HAVE ANY
OF IT?

WE COULD
PROBABLY SUE
THEM.



NO, THAT'S NOT
IT... MAYBE... MAYBE
YOU'RE RIGHT, SHEILA.
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT.
WHenever YOU MENTION
THE WORD 'BOOK'...
I GET QUEASY.

AND... I'VE
BEEN SEEING
WEIRD, WILD
THINGS.

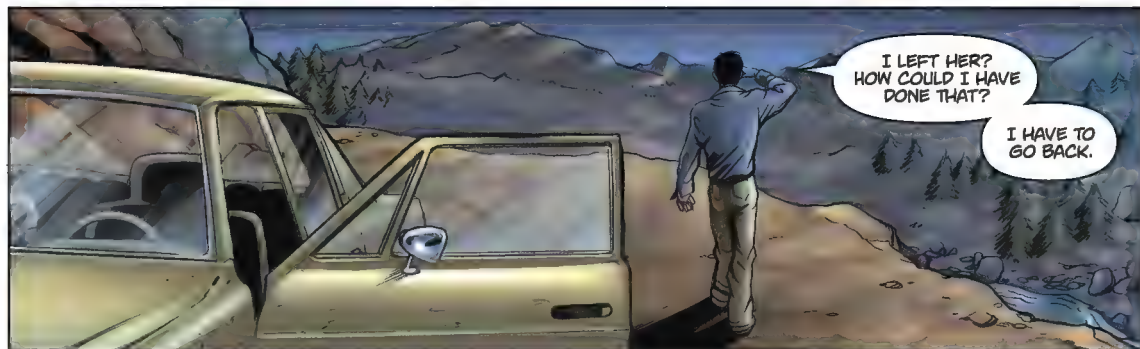
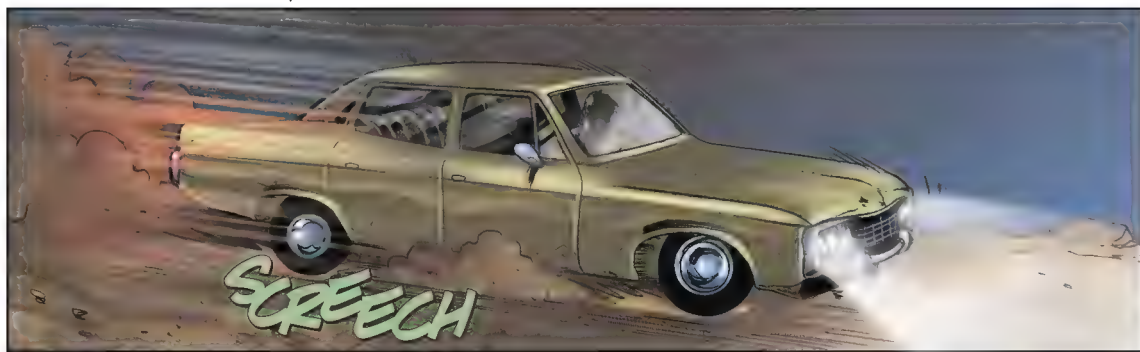


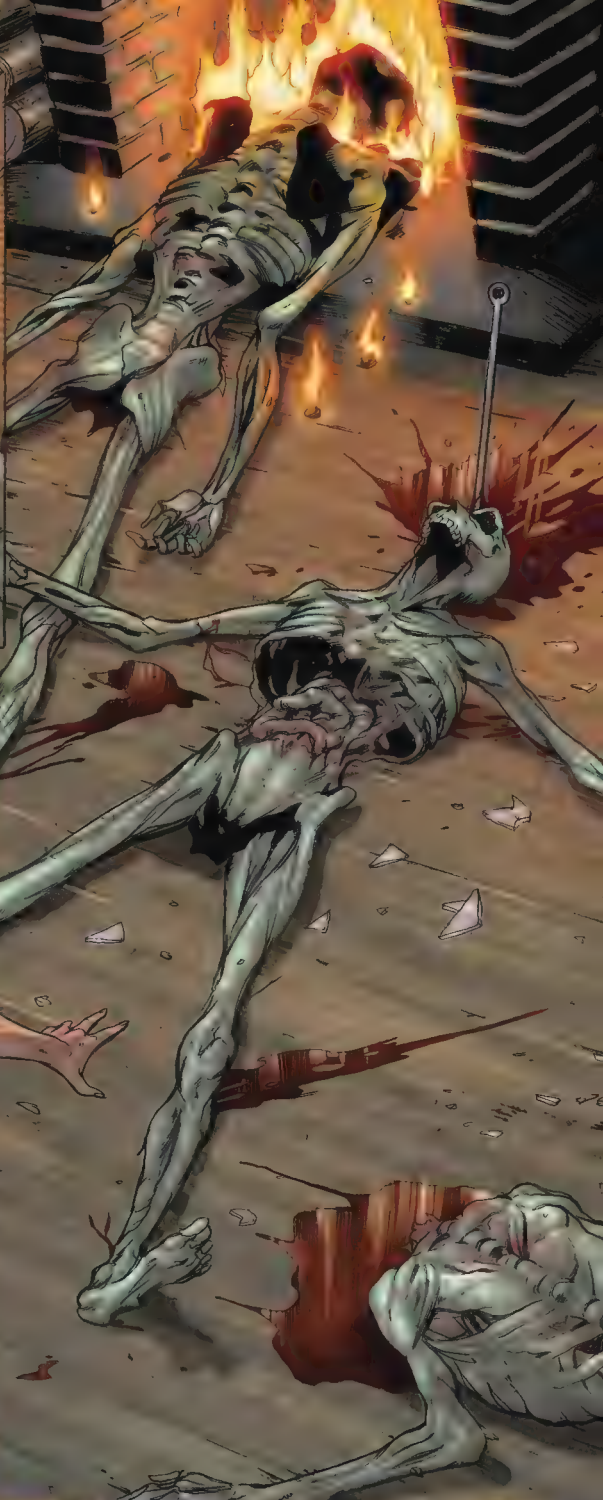
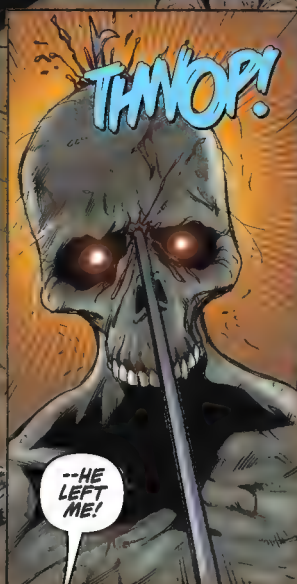
I MEAN, HOW
DID I GET THIS METAL
HAND? I DON'T EVEN
REMEMBER!

TELL ME WHAT
I SHOULD DO TO GET
BACK TO BEING THE
OLD ME?



SHEILA?





MY CHOSEN ONE IS A COWARD? BUT HE WASN'T BEFORE...

T'WAS THE DAMNED NECRONOMICON THAT MADE HIM SO.





I MUST RETURN
TO BABA YAGA! BACK
TO THE EDGE OF
PURGATORY!
FKYP IS--

--COMING
HOME WITH DREADFUL
NEWS! THE BOOK IS
NOT THERE! THEY DO
NOT KNOW WHERE
IT IS!

AND THE
COWARDLY CHOSEN
ONE HAS FLED.

YOU LOST HIM,
MY LITTLE FKYP?
I HAD HOPED YOU WOULD
FOLLOW HIM AND LET
ME KNOW WHERE HE
WAS GOING. HOW...
DISAPPOINTING.

ICK.



BUT HE RAN
FROM THE FIGHT!
HE LEFT HIS LOVE
BEHIND!

SHE BE
A TOUGH
ONE.



IRK!

MY SWEET, DUMB, FLYING MONKEY, YOU KNOW NOT OF WHAT YOU SPEAK.

THE CHOSEN ONE WILL FIND THE BOOK AGAIN. IT IS HIS DESTINY. NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES TO TRY TO CHANGE IT.



THE BOOK WILL MAKE ME MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER. ALL I DESIRE WILL BE MINE.

THEN HE WILL BE MY CHOSEN SUGAR DADDY FOR ALL ETERNITY.

ICKY. PLEASE, NO MORE.



BUT HIS WOMAN IS A HOTTIE! YOU ARE A NOTTIE.



OWWWW.

SILENCE!

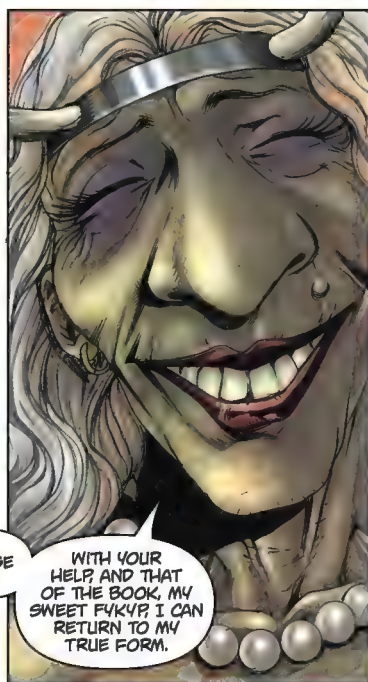


DO YOU THINK A BEING AS POWERFUL AS ME ENJOYS LIVING AS THIS SAGGING, WRETCHED THING?

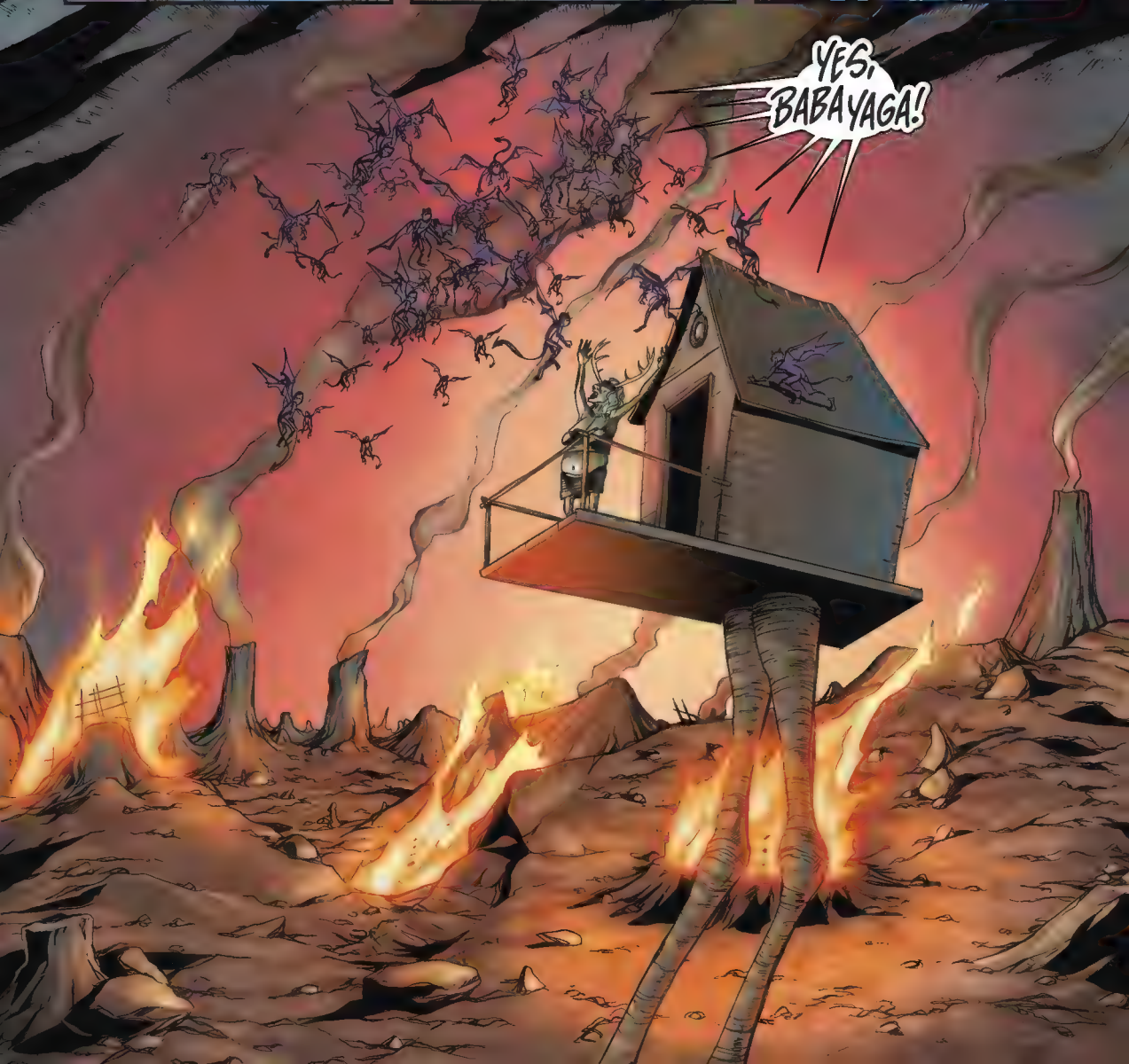


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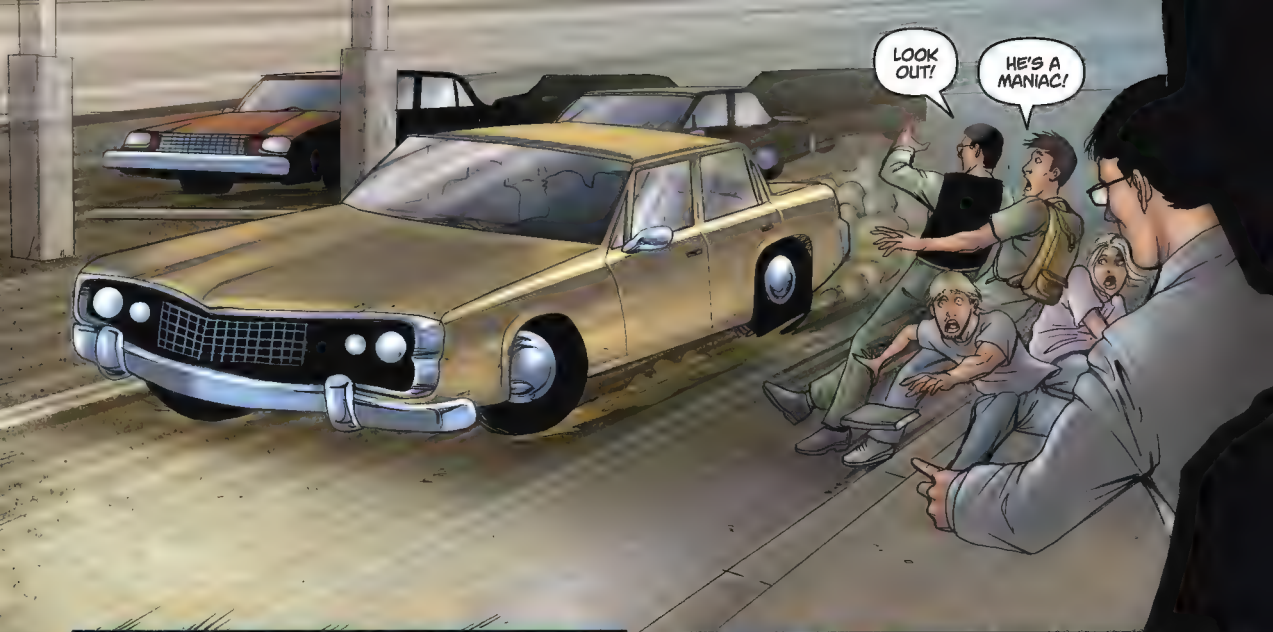
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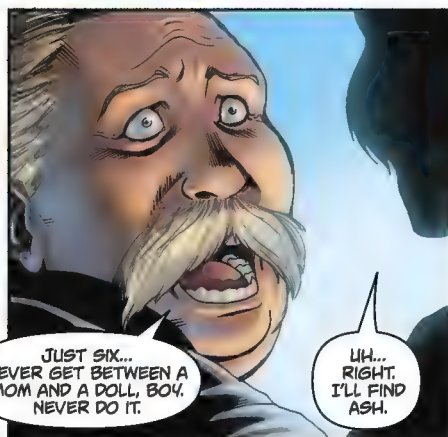
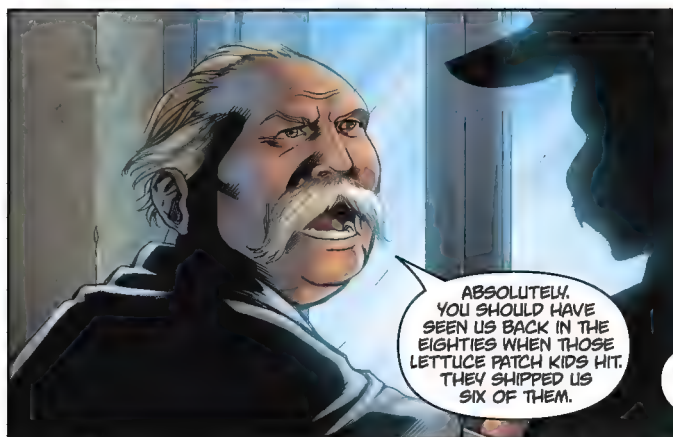
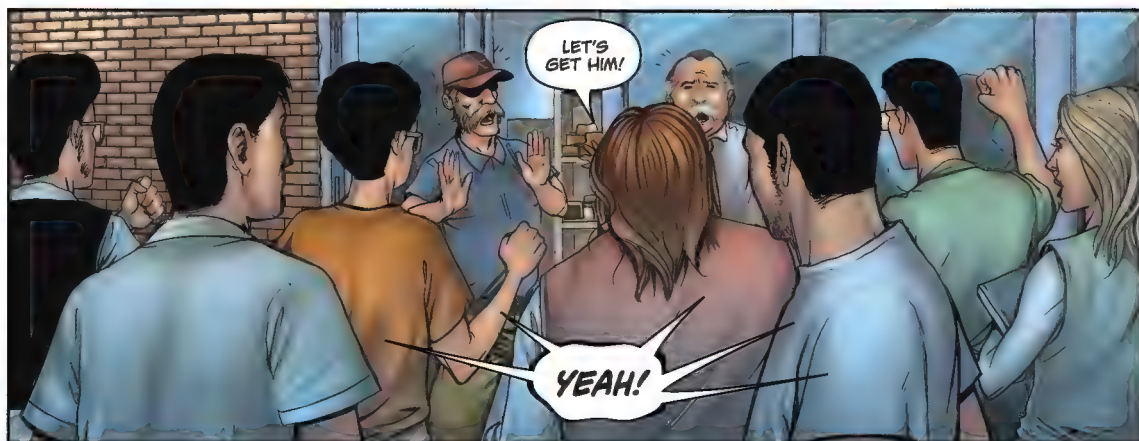


WITH YOUR HELP, AND THAT OF THE BOOK, MY SWEET FFKYR I CAN RETURN TO MY TRUE FORM.











IGGY, HAVE YOU SEEN ASH? THINGS HAVE GONE A BIT NUTTY OUT FRONT AND--



YUP.

OH SWEET JESUS. WHAT IN SAM HILL IS WRONG WITH HIM?



YOU OK, ASH? YOU ALMOST KILLED THOSE PEOPLE OUT FRONT.

MR. SMART WANTS YOU TO COME BACK UP AND APOLOGIZE.



SHE KEEPS CALLING ME HER CHOSEN ONE--



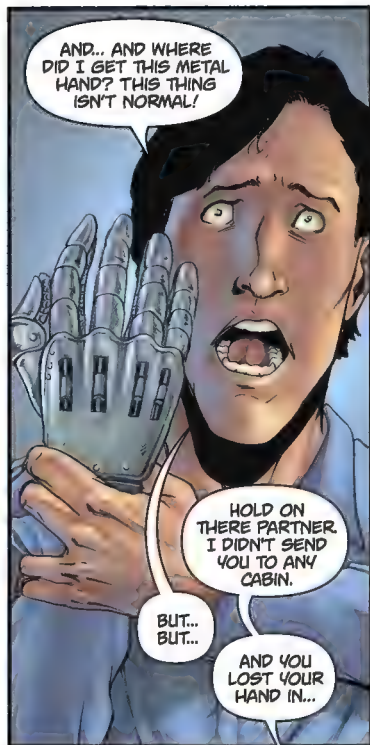
SEE, I TOLD YOU. SHE'S A NUTTER NEXT THING YOU KNOW ASH IS GONNA BE LIVIN' WITH SHEILA AND HER MOMMA.

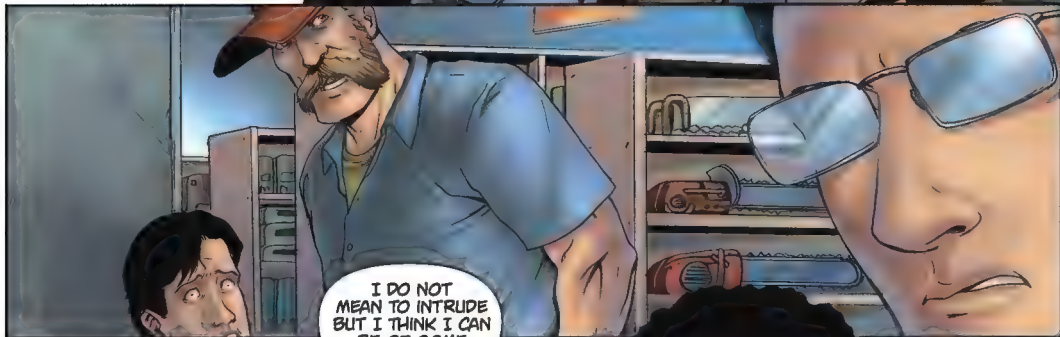
OR DO YOU THINK SHE WANTS HIM TO BE THE FATHER OF HER CRAZY CULT BABY?

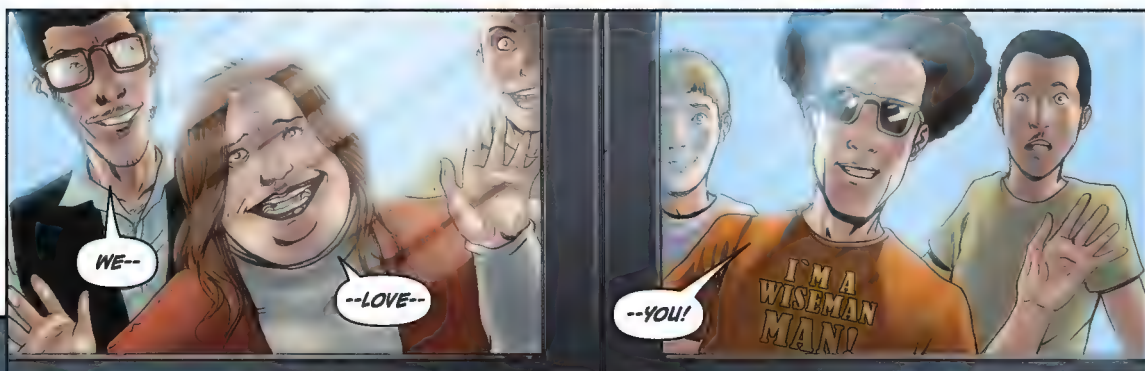
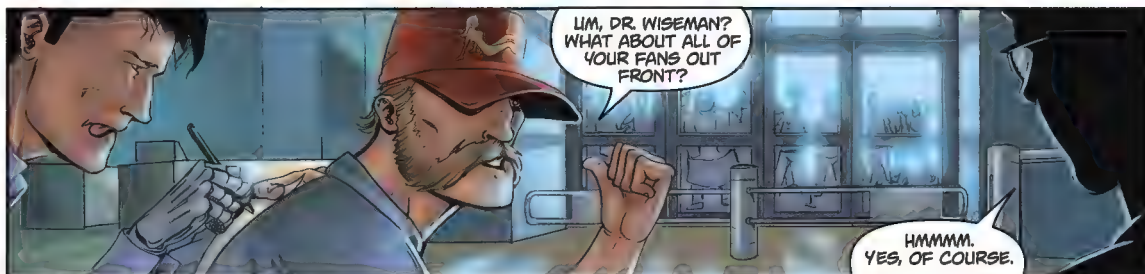
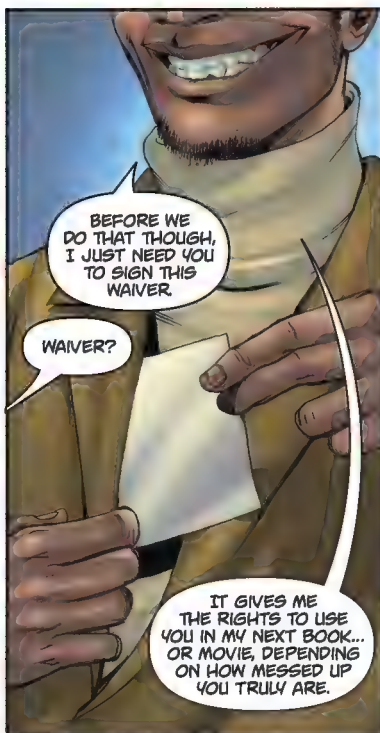
SHUT THE HELL UP.



--AND THEN ZOMBIES ATTACKED US. IT WAS HORRIBLE.









INTERESTING...

WHAT IN
THE HELL HAS
ASH BEEN
SMOKING?

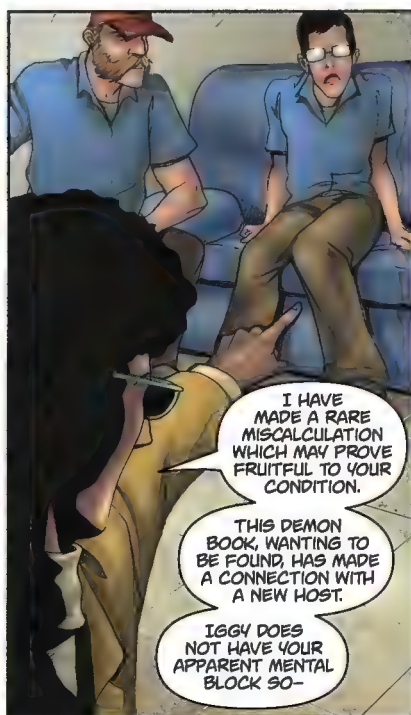
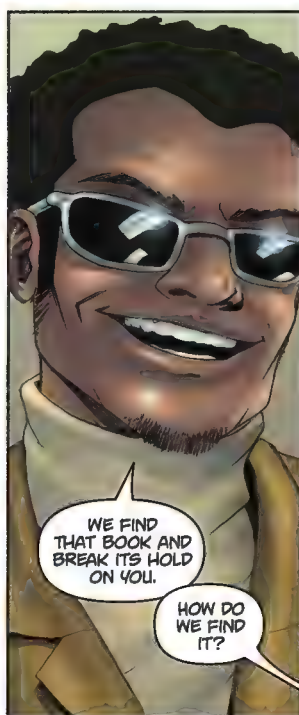
AAAAHHH!!

GET
IT AWAY,
BUCK!

IGGY--

AAAAHHH!!

--LOOK
OUT!





YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T GO UP THERE YET.

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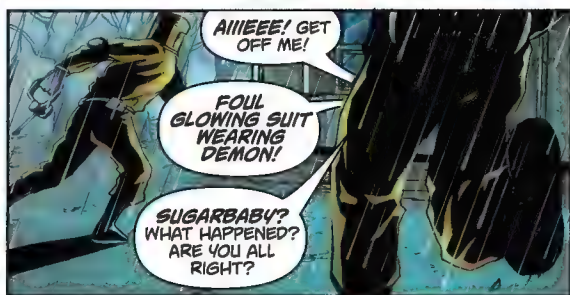
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AAIIIEEE! GET OFF ME!

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AHHHHH!

IT'S OKAY, IGGY. I'M RIGHT HERE. YOU AND ASH HAVE BEEN OUT COLD FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES.

DOC, WHAT IN THE HELL DID YOU DO TO US ALL THERE?



THIS... WELL, I SUPPOSED IT CAN ONLY BE CALLED A DEVIL BOOK... APPEARS TO BE HAUNTING ASH'S MEMORIES.

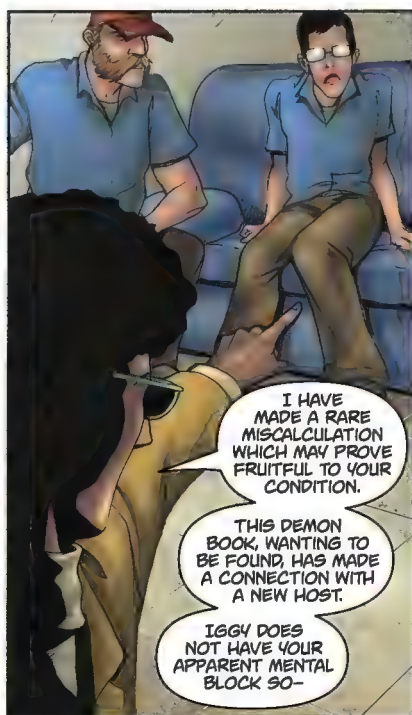
IT MIGHT EVEN BE CONTROLLING HIS ACTIONS.

WHAT CAN WE DO?



WE FIND THAT BOOK AND BREAK ITS HOLD ON YOU.

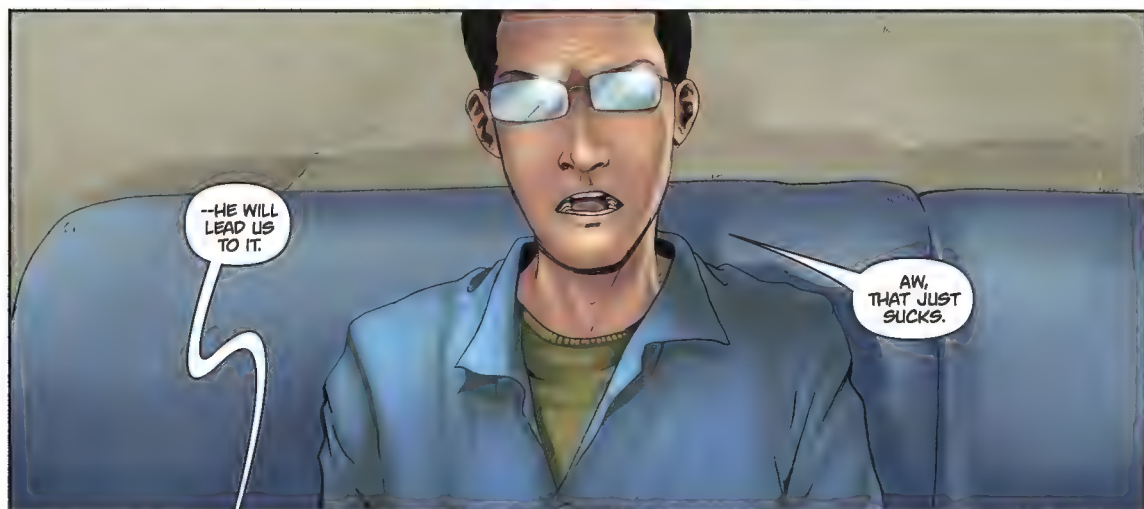
HOW DO WE FIND IT?



I HAVE MADE A RARE MISCALCULATION WHICH MAY PROVE FRUITFUL TO YOUR CONDITION.

THIS DEMON BOOK, WANTING TO BE FOUND, HAS MADE A CONNECTION WITH A NEW HOST.

IGGY DOES NOT HAVE YOUR APPARENT MENTAL BLOCK SO-



--HE WILL LEAD US TO IT.

AW, THAT JUST SUCKS.



YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T GO UP THERE YET.

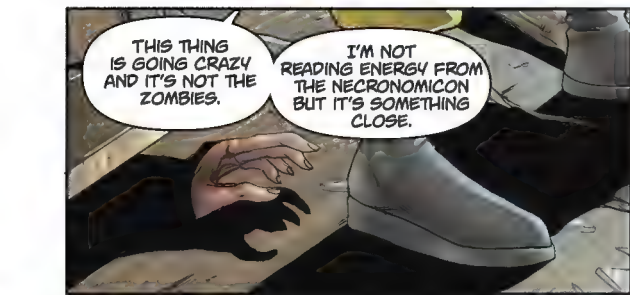
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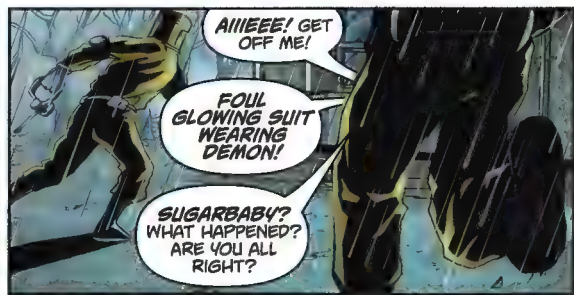
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THIS IS
WHERE THE
BOOK IS.

YOU SURE,
IGGY?

MY HEAD
HURTS JUST LOOKING
AT IT, BUCK. I CAN
BARELY STAND UP. IT
FEELS LIKE SOMEONE
IS SCREAMING IN
MY HEAD...

FIND ME,
FREE ME, OVER
AND OVER.

FELLOWS,
WE ARE ABOUT TO
CROSS OVER INTO
NEW TERRITORY.
PREPARE
YOURSELVES.



AS THE MEN
WALKED TOWARDS
THE HOUSE THEY
ALL BEGAN TO
WONDER...

...WHAT WOULD
THEY FIND INSIDE?
HOW WOULD THIS
DEFINE THEIR
VERY BEING?



WISEMAN, HOW ABOUT YOU
GIVE IT A REST? WE NEED TO
FIND THIS BOOK AND HELP MY
FRIENDS. WRITE YOUR
BOOK LATER.





THE HARD WAY IT IS.

BUCK, STOP!
SOMEONE
HELP ME!

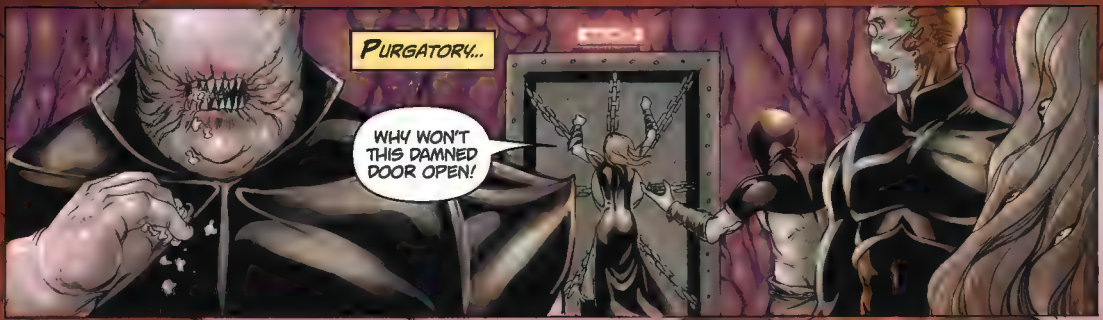


BELIEVE
ME, ASH, THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
I'M DOING.

YOU'LL
THANK ME
FOR IT
LATER.

MUST
TELL BABA
YAGA...

THE CHOSEN
ONE IS HERE...
PRETTY SHE
WILL BE!



PURGATORY...

WHY WON'T
THIS DAMNED
DOOR OPEN!



EVEN FOR
US SINS, IT IS
NO SMALL FEAT
TO ESCAPE
PURGATORY,
GREED.

THE ONES IN
CHARGE LIKE TO
KEEP US CONTAINED
SO WE DON'T GO
MUCKING THINGS
ABOUT TOO MUCH.

THE LAST
TIME WE WERE
OUT, THINGS GOT
A BIT OUT OF HAND.
YOU...UH...PROBABLY
REMEMBER THAT
TOO, HUH?



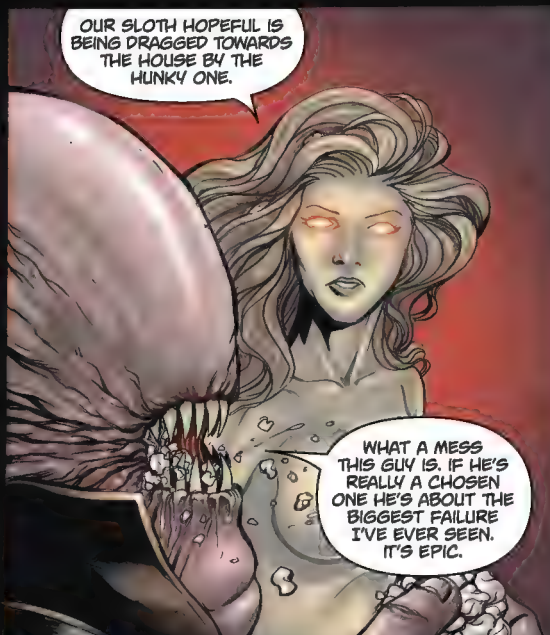
WRATH IS
VERY STRONG.
AND CLEVER.
PERHAPS HE
WOULD--

DON'T
YOU SAY IT! I WILL
GET US OUT! I
WILL GET OUR NEW
SLOTH! WE DO NOT
NEED HIM.



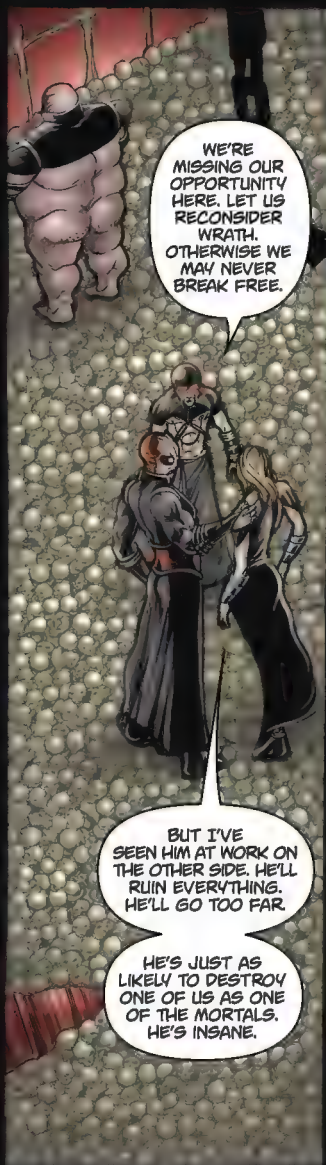
OF COURSE.

I LOVE HER AMBITION.



OUR SLOTH HOPEFUL IS BEING DRAGGED TOWARDS THE HOUSE BY THE HUNKY ONE.

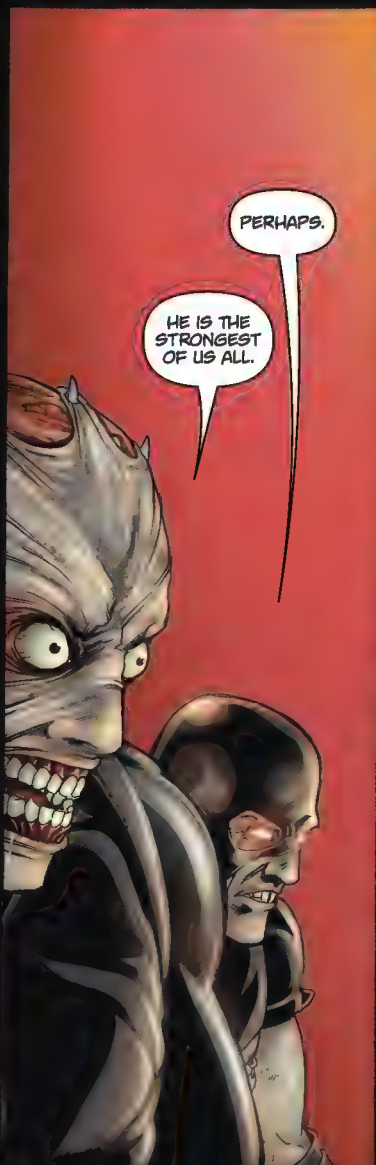
WHAT A MESS THIS GUY IS. IF HE'S REALLY A CHOSEN ONE HE'S ABOUT THE BIGGEST FAILURE I'VE EVER SEEN. IT'S EPIC.



WE'RE MISSING OUR OPPORTUNITY HERE. LET US RECONSIDER WRATH. OTHERWISE WE MAY NEVER BREAK FREE.

BUT I'VE SEEN HIM AT WORK ON THE OTHER SIDE. HE'LL RUIN EVERYTHING. HE'LL GO TOO FAR.

HE'S JUST AS LIKELY TO DESTROY ONE OF US AS ONE OF THE MORTALS. HE'S INSANE.



PERHAPS.

HE IS THE STRONGEST OF US ALL.



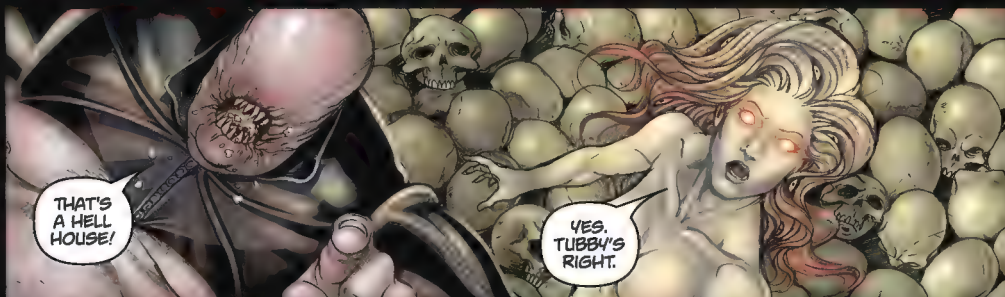
ALL RIGHT THEN. GET WRATH-

WAIT! SOMETHING IS COMING TO ME!



WAIT
A DAMNED
SECOND
HERE.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE OUR
SINS ARE EVEN
ON THE SAME
LEVEL, FAT
MAN.



THAT'S
A HELL
HOUSE!

YES,
TUBBY'S
RIGHT.



SO? WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?

I FORGET YOU'RE SO NEW HERE.
SUCH A YOUNG SIN. HELL HOUSES ARE
PLACES WHERE OUR KIND CAN COME
AND GO WITH NO PENALTY.

IT'S THE SAME
TRAP YOU FELL INTO
WHEN WE RECRUITED
YOU.



DON'T
TOUCH ME.



SORRY.

A WONDERFUL
PLACE TO PRACTICE
OUR CRAFT ON THE
LIVING. BUT WE CAN
NOT LEAVE THE
STRUCTURE.

ONLY THOSE
SOULS INSIDE THE
STRUCTURE ARE
TOYS FOR OUR
AMUSEMENT.



THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? IF WE WAIT TOO LONG HE'LL LEAVE!



"HOW DO WE DO IT?"

THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

I STILL THINK WE SHOULD BRING WRATH. WHAT IF HE GETS MAD?

NO. WE'VE COMMITTED TO THIS PATH. NOW WE MUST CHANT THE INCANTATION.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HELL HOUSE. THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HELL HOUSE.

WE NEED YOU TO CHANT AS WELL, MY DEAR. WRATH COULD HAVE GONE THERE ALONE YOU KNOW. HE'S THAT POWERFUL. BUT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.



SCREW WRATH. LET'S GO GET OUR SLOTH.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HELL HOUSE.



I SHOULD'VE
BROUGHT MY
GHOST BUSTIN'
GEAR.

WE NEED
NO WEAPONS.
ALL YOU NEED IS A
STRONG MIND TO COUNTER-



YOU ARE
UNWELCOME!

IF YOU
ENTER, YOUR
SOULS ARE
FORFEIT!



DON'T EVEN
TRY TO TELL
ME THAT WAS
THE WIND.

NO... THAT
WAS THE SCARIEST
VOICE I'VE EVER
HEARD.



STICK
WITH US,
ASH.

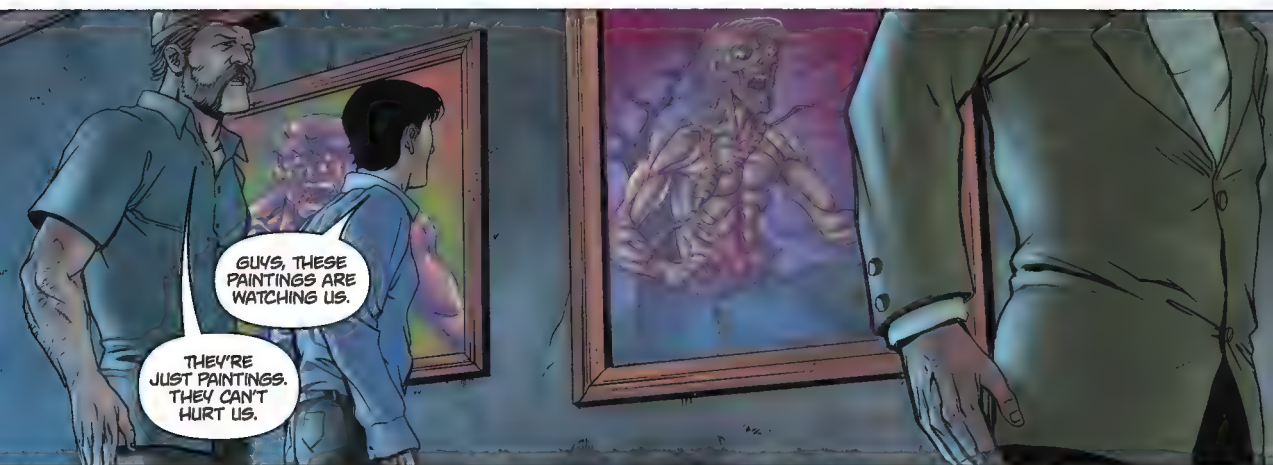
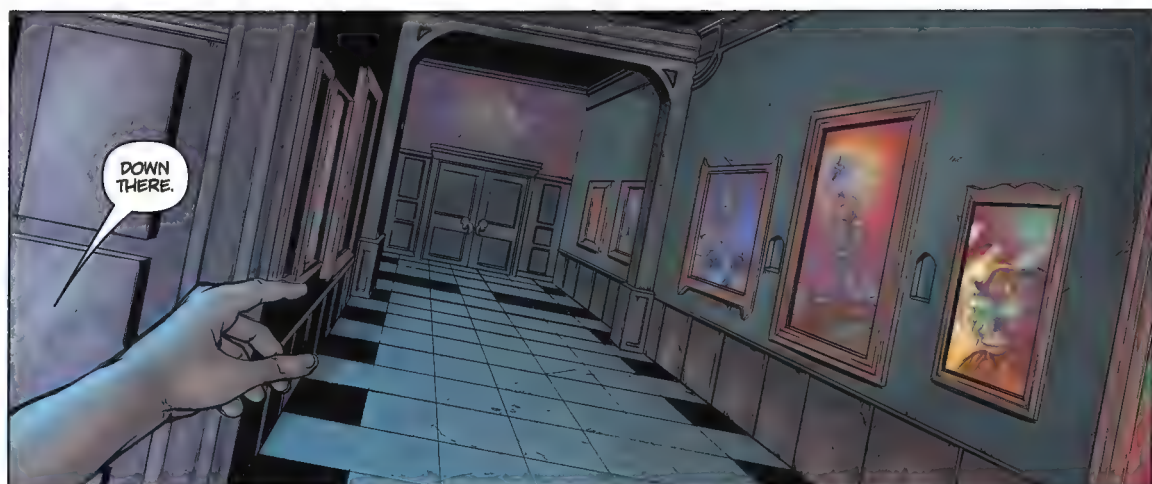
YOU WANT
TO KEEP
GOING? ARE
YOU NUTS?

THAT WAS
ONLY A VOICE.
GHOSTS CAN'T
HURT US,
RIGHT?

WELL, I HAVE
HEARD RUMORS
OF--



FORGET IT.
1964? WHERE
TO? WE NEED
THE BOOK SO WE
CAN GET OUT
OF HERE.







SILENCE
WHELP! FINALLY
YOU HAVE
ARRIVED!

IT
FRIGGIN'
TALKS?



I WILL
HAVE
BLOOD!



ARRGGHHH!



I DON'T
KNOW HOW I KNOW
THIS, BUT THAT'S THE
NECRONOMICON!
THE BOOK OF THE
DEAD!

IT'LL
DESTROY
US ALL!



YOU WISHED
TO NOT BE THE
CHOSEN ONE EVER
AGAIN MEAT, BUT
YOU CAN'T CHANGE
WHAT YOU ARE! I
REMEMBER! I KNOW
WHAT YOU HATH
WROUGHT!

LET THE
CYCLE BEGIN
ANew!



SHUT
UP!



THAT BOOK
FREAKIN' BIT
ME! THE
HELL??

WE'RE
GONNA GET
OUT OF HERE
1664. RIGHT
NOW.



GODDAMMIT!
WHAT NOW?



WE HAVE FOUND
THE BOOK! WE
HAVE FOUND THE
CHOSEN ONE!

BABA YAGA
WILL BE BEAUTIFUL
AGAIN! THANK ALL
THAT IS EVIL!

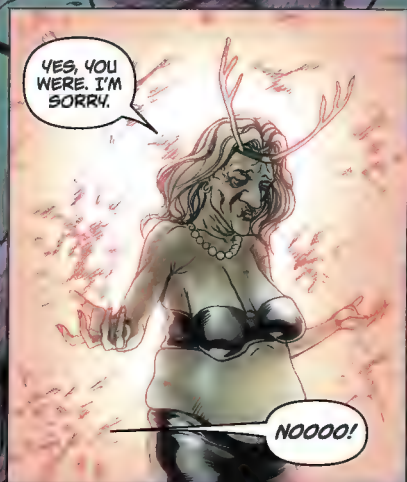


YES, I WILL
MY DARLING MINI-
FVKYPS. I LOVE
YOU ALL SO
DEARLY.



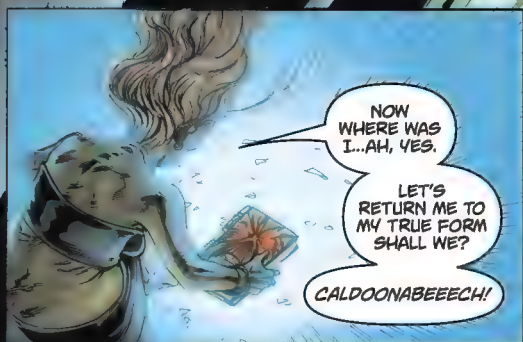
BUT IT TAKES MUCH OF MY POWER TO
SUPPORT ALL OF YOU. AND I NEED ALL
OF MY ENERGY FOR THE SPELL. YOU
UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?

BUT BABA
YAGA, FVKYPS
WERE SO
GOOD.



YES, YOU
WERE. I'M
SORRY.

NOOOO!



NOW
WHERE WAS
I...AH, YES.

LET'S
RETURN ME TO
MY TRUE FORM
SHALL WE?

CALDOONABEECH!



I CAN'T
WATCH.

YOU
MIGHT WANT
TO RECONSIDER.
SHE'S KIND OF
A FOX.

SHE
CLEANS UP
NICE.

NOW
WHERE IS MY HUNKY
CHOSEN ONE? IT'S
BEEN A LIFETIME
SINCE I'VE HAD A
GOOD--

BUT I
NEED HIM! I NEED
THE CHOSEN ONE
TO DESTROY THE
WORLD.



FINE,
WE SHALL
COMPETE
FOR HIM.

HOW
ABOUT A
RACE?

NOOOO!



COME TO
ME, MY CHOSEN
ONE. LET US
DEVOUR EACH
OTHER.



BUT I ALREADY
HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
AND SHE DOESN'T
WANT TO DEVOUR
ME.

PLEASE
GUYS! LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE!

FOR
ONCE TODAY,
ASH IS MAKIN'
SENSE.

I MAY HAVE
MISCALCULATED THE
ENORMITY OF WHAT WE ARE
EXPERIENCING. PERHAPS A
STEP BACK TO EVALUATE
WOULD DO US ALL
SOME GOOD.

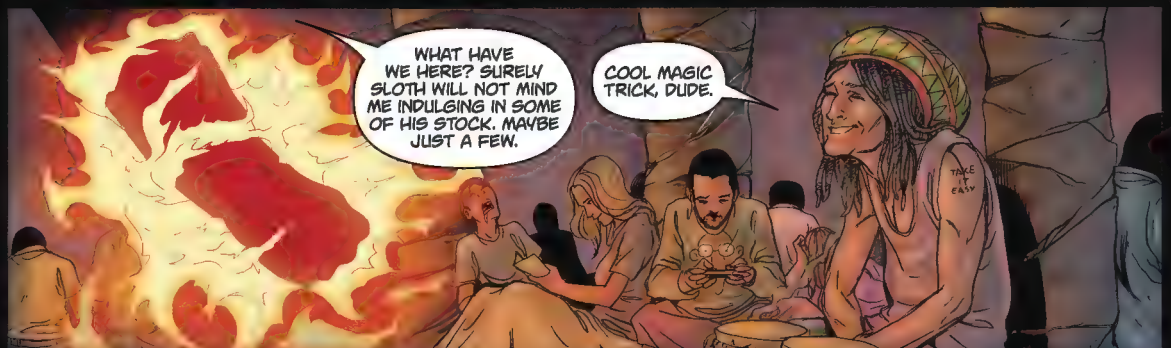
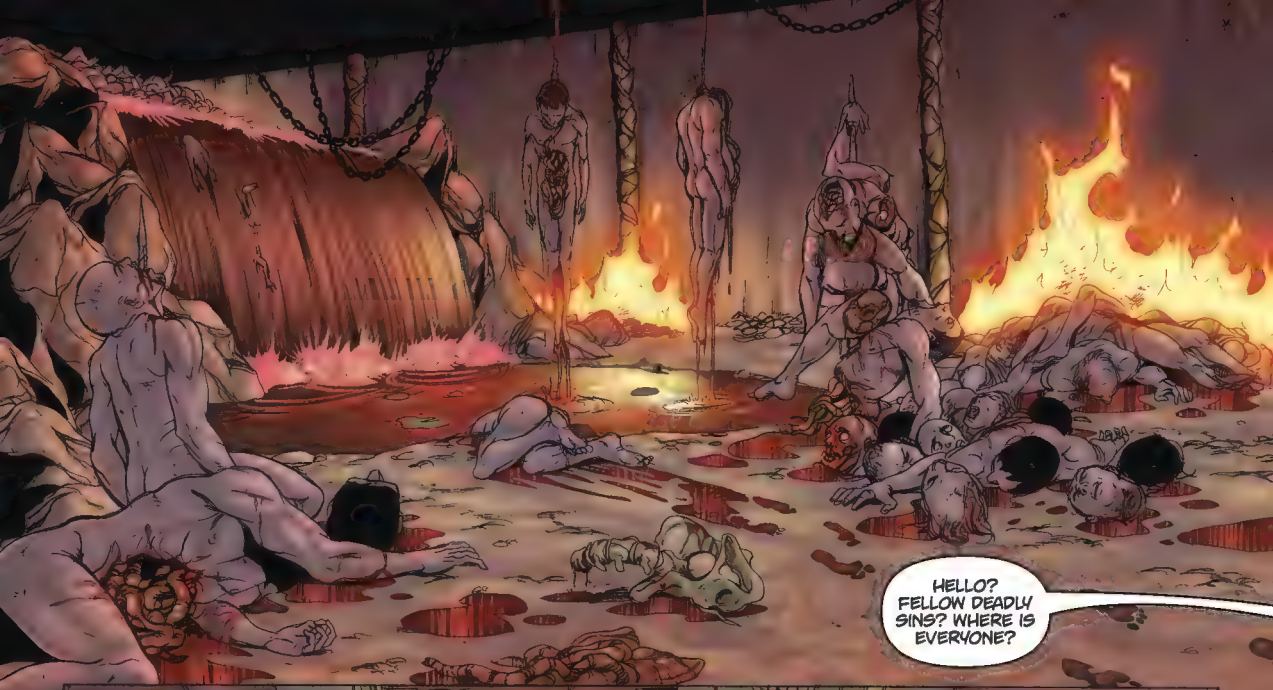


YOU'VE GOT
TO BE KIDDING.
MORE CRAZIES
ARE HERE.

I JUST
WANNA GO
HOME.

PLEASE
DON'T LEAVE JUST
YET. YOU HAVE
NOTHING TO BE
AFRAID OF.

THIS IS
JUST THE BEGINNING.
CHOSEN ONE, WE ARE
YOUR DESTINY.





MMMM.
SMELLS SO
GOOD.

I'M SURE
SLOTH WON'T MIND
IF I BORROW A
FEW MORE.

SLOTH

OR VACATION

WHAT
HAVE WE
HERE?

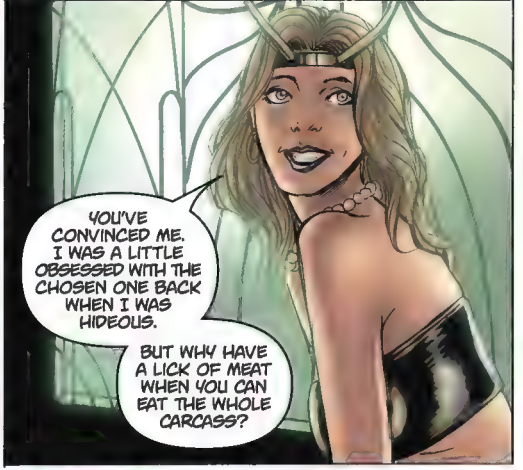
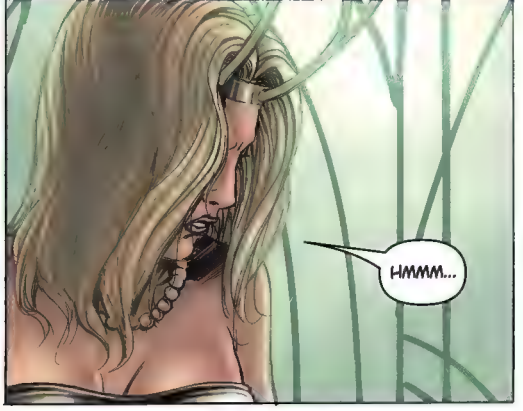
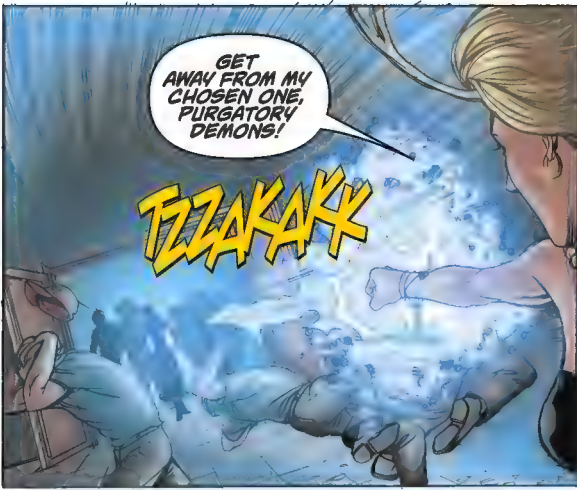


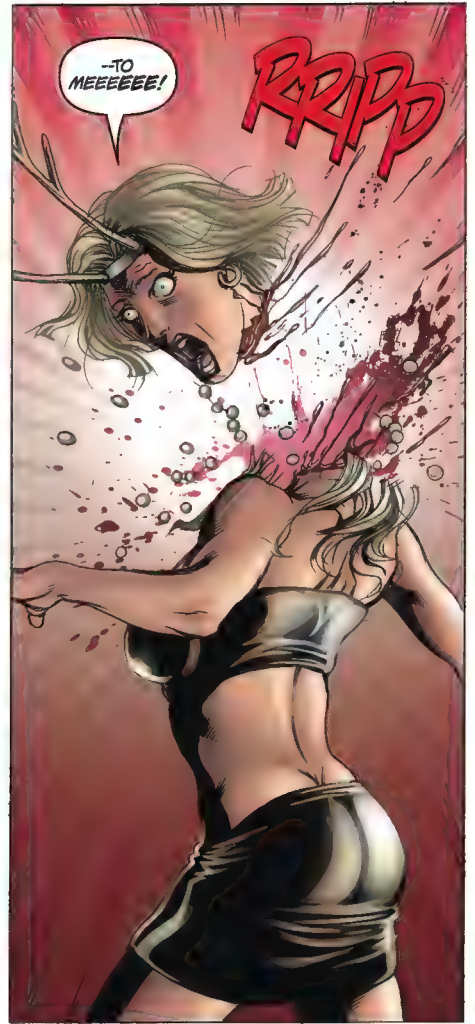
A SOJOURN
TO EARTH AND A
HELL HOUSE?
WITHOUT ME?



THAT WILL
HAVE TO BE
RECTIFIED.

SWASH





MY HEART
IS FILLED WITH
RAGE AT BEING LEFT
BEHIND. BUT WRATH IS
HERE NOW SO WE'RE
ONE BIG HAPPY
FAMILY AGAIN.

ONE OF
US IS POTENT.
TOGETHER WE
ARE DEADLY.

LET'S KILL
EVERYTHING.





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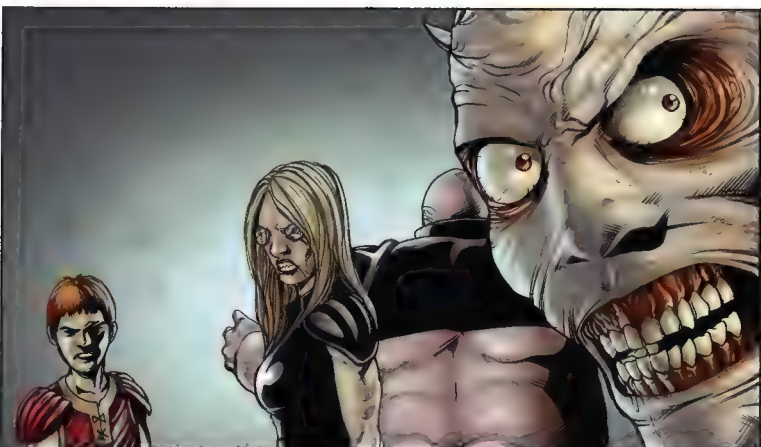
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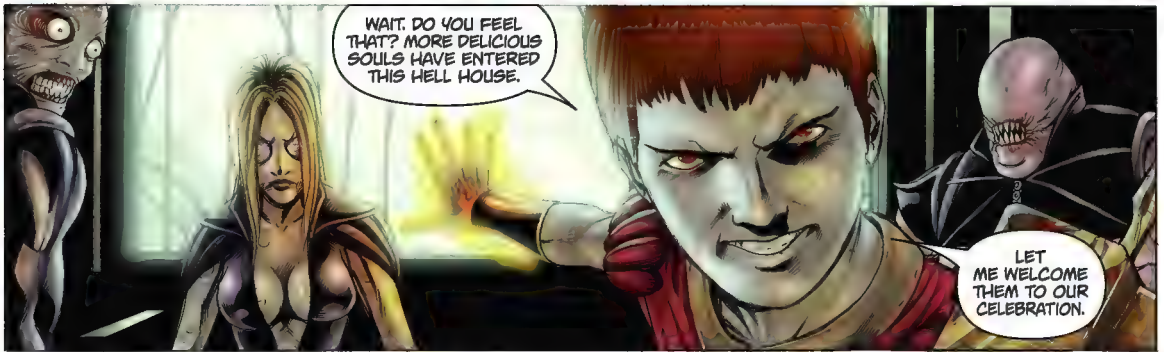
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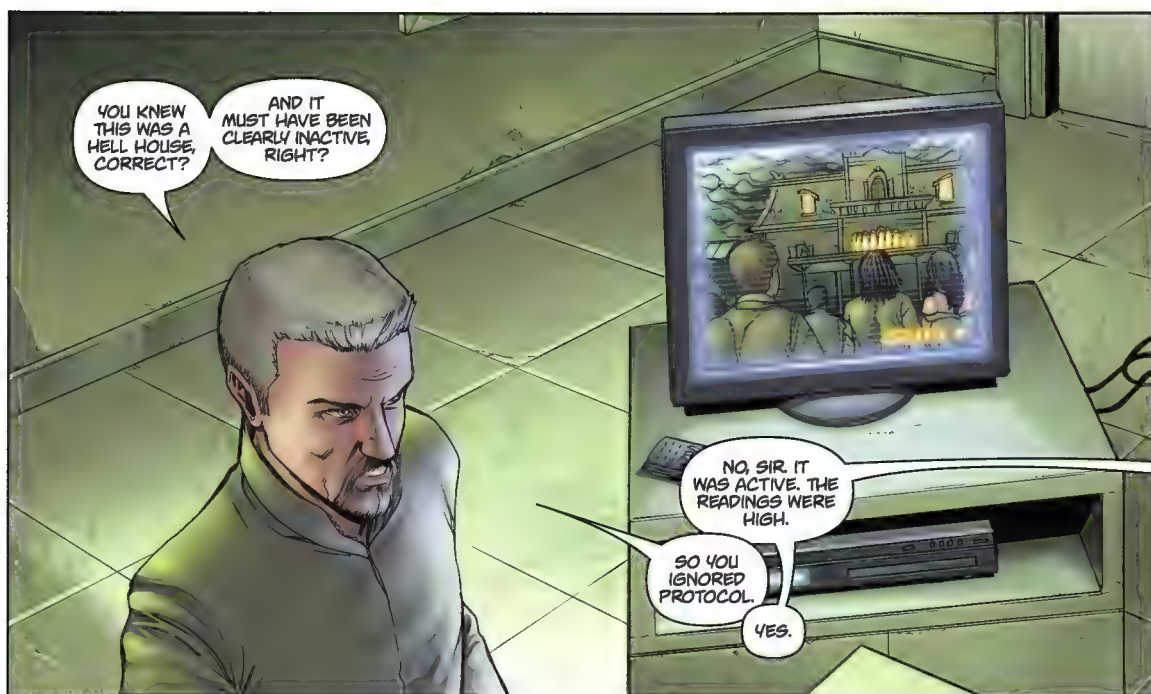


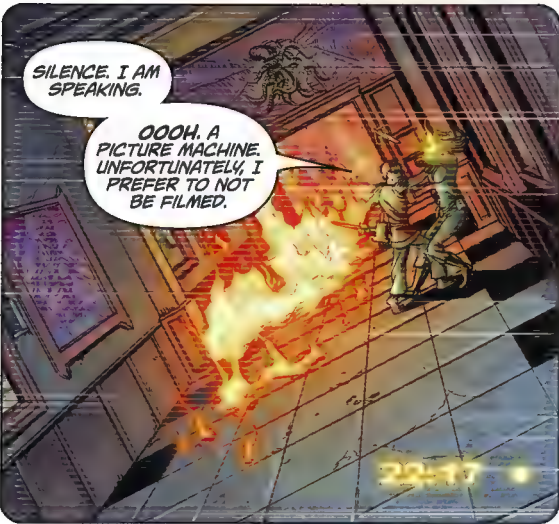
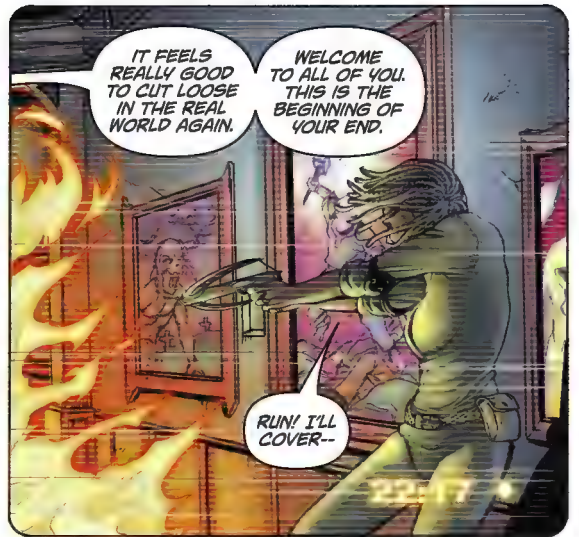
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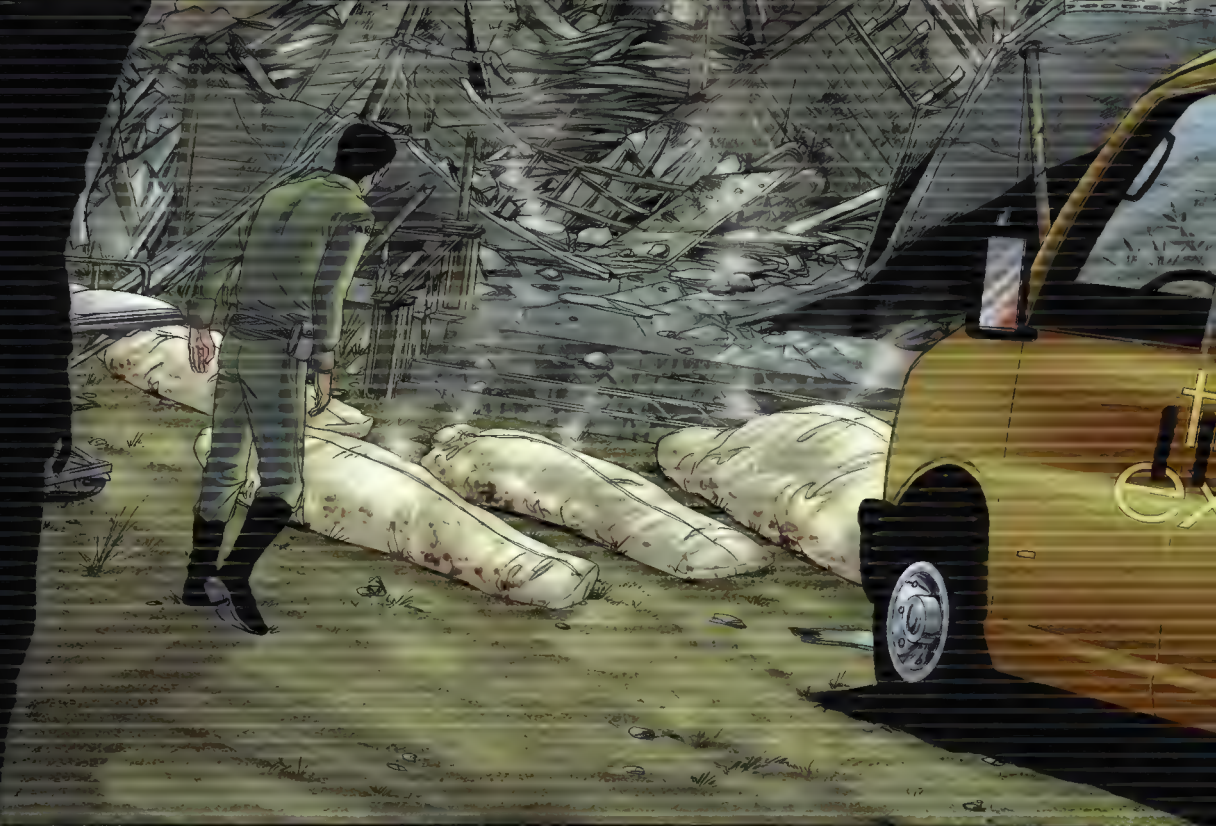


THAT WAS ENLIGHTENING. SO LET'S FAST FORWARD THREE HOURS.

THIS IS A NICE LIVE FEED OF YOUR A-1 CLUSTER BUNK. FOUR AGENTS OFFLINE. AT LEAST THREE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

AND THIS SUPERNATURAL GATEWAY TO GOD KNOWS WHERE DESTROYED TO BOOT. BY WHAT OUR EXPERTS ARE CALLING A "DIMENSIONAL SUCK HOLE."

GIVING US THE ONLY DESTROYED HELL HOUSE, BESIDES THE ONE IN MEXICO IN 1999.



AND YOU LIVED THROUGH IT.

YOU SAW HIM IN ACTION? DID THE CHOSEN ONE DESTROY THAT HOUSE?



NO...

...BUT HE GAVE HIS LIFE DESTROYING THE MONSTERS THAT DID.

INSIDE THE HELL HOUSE.
THREE HOURS AGO...

SHHHH.
THEY'LL HEAR
YOU.

THE SEVEN
DEADLY SINS. ONE IS
POTENT. TOGETHER
THEY ARE DEADLY.
CATCHY.

"CHOSEN FROM THE BILLIONS
UPON BILLIONS OF MEAT PUPPETS
ON THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE
TO EXACT PUNISHMENT ON
THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM
THE SAME AFFLICTIONS
WHICH CURSED THEM.

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"IT IS A STRENUOUS JOB, MENTALLY.
VERY ASSEMBLY LINE-ISH. ONLY A
FEW LAST LONGER THAN A CENTURY.
MOST LESS THAN A DECADE.

"WE'LL ONLY COVER
OUR MAIN PLAYERS.
LUST AND GLUTTONY
ARE BASE SINS.
DANGEROUS, BUT NOT
IN FIGHTS LIKE THIS
ONE.



"I'LL START AT THE
BEGINNING IN ORDER TO
GET YOU UP TO SPEED.
PRIDE IS THE OLDEST
OF THE SINS.

"BUT IT IS ALSO THE ONE
WITH THE MOST TURNOVER.
EVERY DECADE UNLEASHES
A NEW DEPTH TO WHICH
HUMANITY WILL SINK.

SEBASTIAN IS A PRECOCIOUS LITTLE GUY



"MEET THIS DECADE'S PRIDE. SEBASTIAN ABRAHAM. YOU MAY REMEMBER HIM FROM THE EIGHTIES CHILDREN'S SHOW.

"THE WORLD LOVED HIM.

"UNTIL HE GREW UP.



"HE TURNED TO PLASTIC SURGERY TO TRY TO REGAIN HIS FORMER GLORY.

"OVER FOUR-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE SURGERIES LATER, THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF SEBASTIAN TO NIP, PULL OR TUCK.

"HIS FIRST ROLE IN SIXTEEN YEARS WAS AS A MUTANT. THEY DIDN'T WANT HIM TO WEAR ANY MAKEUP.



"HE KILLED HIMSELF, BECOMING PRIDE.

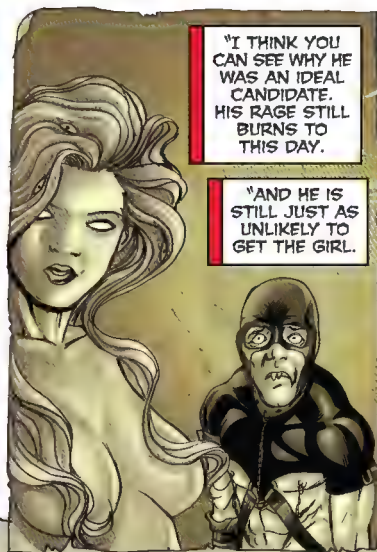
"ENVY WAS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF CASANOVA. THEY OBVIOUSLY HAD DIFFERENT FATHERS.

"BORN AS A HUNCHBACK, ENVY WAS FORCED TO WATCH AS CASANOVA LIVED THE LIFE HE COULD ONLY DREAM OF.



"I THINK YOU CAN SEE WHY HE WAS AN IDEAL CANDIDATE. HIS RAGE STILL BURNS TO THIS DAY.

"AND HE IS STILL JUST AS UNLIKELY TO GET THE GIRL.



"ON TO GREED. SHE IS AN UP AND COMER. VERY DRIVEN.

"LONDON MARRIOTT HAD A TRUST FUND THAT COULD LAST HER TWELVE LIFETIMES. BUT HER PARENTS HAD MORE.



"WHEN SHE HAD HER PARENTS MURDERED SHE INHERITED CLOSE TO SEVENTY-EIGHT TIMES THAT AMOUNT.



Above: London Marriott sunbathing at her yacht at Florida.

Above: Marriot claims to have slept through the attack that killed her parents. She stands to inherit the family's \$3billion enterprise.

"NOT CONTENT IN BEING RICH, THE YOUNG GIRL ALSO WANTED TO BE FAMOUS. SHE BEGAN A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR A DAY REALITY SHOW FOCUSING ON HER LIFE.

"SHE ALSO BEGAN THE FERRET CRAZE OF '99.

"HER SHOW ENDED WHEN SHE ENTERED A HAUNTED HOUSE IN MEXICO VERY SIMILAR TO THIS ONE.

"HER DEATH. THE DEATH OF HER FILM CREW AND HER PET FERRET, BINKY, WAS BLAMED ON FAULTY WIRING. BUT THIS IS WHERE SHE WAS RECRUITED BY THE SINS TO BE GREED.

"IT WAS A GLORIOUSLY UGLY AFFAIR, LED BY--

"--WRATH WHO IS THE LONGEST SERVING SIN. HE SPENT HIS BOYHOOD AS A PART OF THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE.

"THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE! THE JOURNEY BEGAN WITH HOPE, AN ATTEMPT TO RECLAIM THE HOLY LAND FOR GOD, WHICH WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A MARCH TO DOOM.

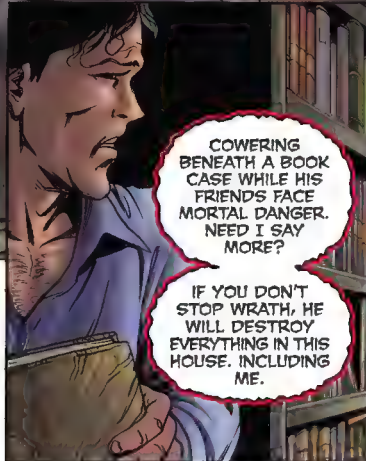
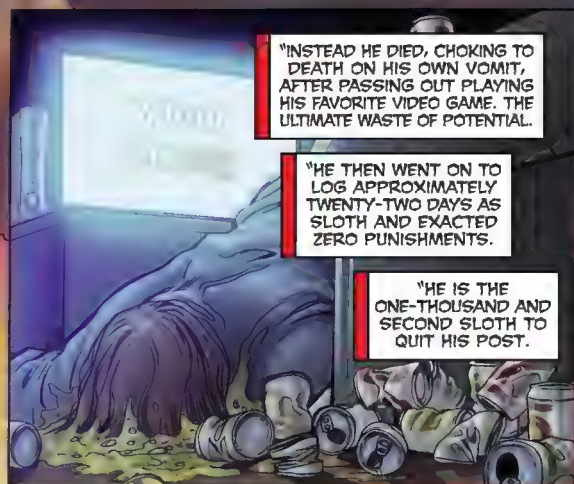
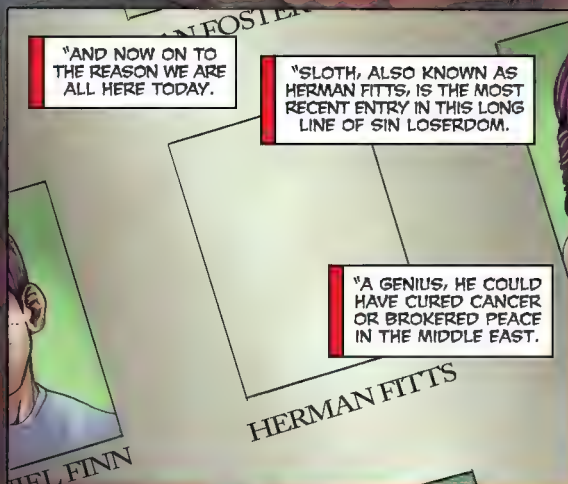
"WRATH'S NAME HAS BEEN LOST TO HISTORY. BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER DIED DURING THE JOURNEY.

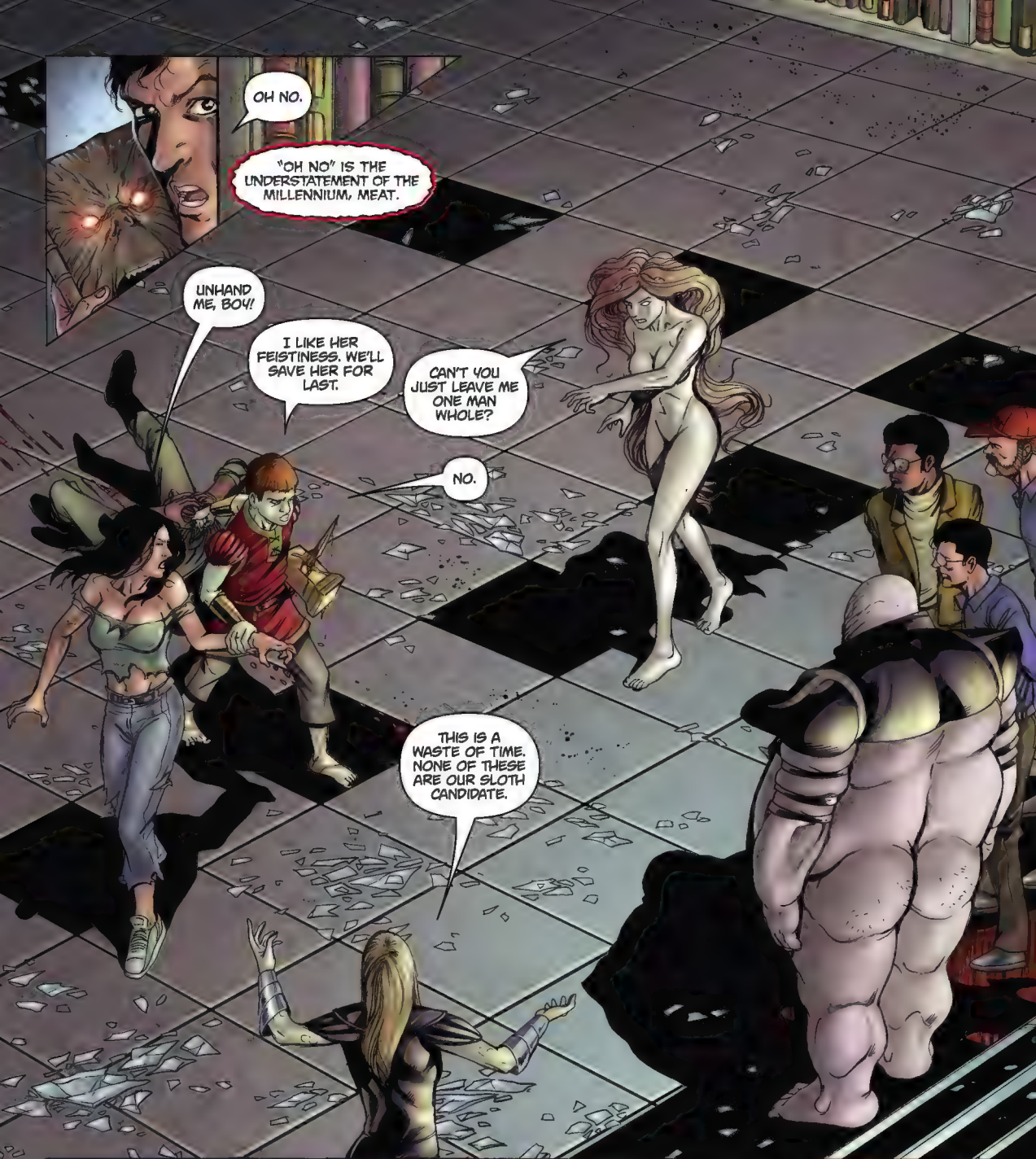
"IT WAS MORE THAN THIS YOUNG MAN COULD BEAR.

"HE TOOK HIS REVENGE OUT ON THOSE WHO LIVED WHILE HIS BROTHER DID NOT, MOSTLY THE RELIGIOUS ELDERS WHO ENCOURAGED THE BOYS TO JOIN THE CRUSADE.

"HE WAS KILLED BY A PRIEST AFTER HIS SLAUGHTER, AND SINCE THEN HE HAS SERVED AS WRATH.

"GLEEFULLY.





OH NO.

"OH NO" IS THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM, MEAT.

UNHAND ME, BOY!

I LIKE HER FEISTINESS. WE'LL SAVE HER FOR LAST.

CAN'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ONE MAN WHOLE?

NO.

THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME. NONE OF THESE ARE OUR SLOTH CANDIDATE.

WHAT CAN I DO? I'M JUST ME.

EMBRACE WHO YOU ARE, MEAT!

YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE! AND I AM THE NECRONOMICON!

TOGETHER WE ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE DELIGHTFULLY BLOODY ADVENTURES!

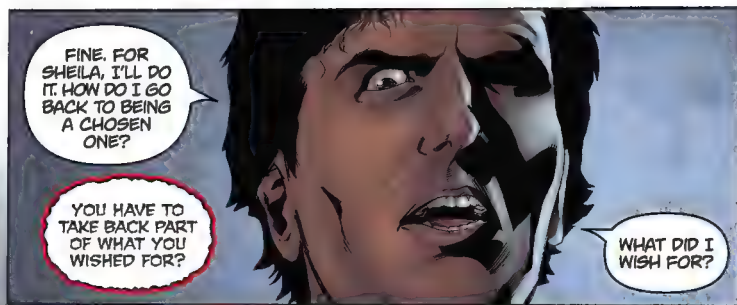
WE'RE OVER HERE!



I HEARD SOMETHING OVER THERE. COME ON. LET'S INTRODUCE OURSELVES TO OUR NEW SLOTH.

I HATE YOU.

OH NO. THEY FOUND US.



FINE. FOR SHEILA, I'LL DO IT. HOW DO I GO BACK TO BEING A CHOSEN ONE?

YOU HAVE TO TAKE BACK PART OF WHAT YOU WISHED FOR?

WHAT DID I WISH FOR?



WHEN YOU REWROTE HISTORY, YOUR WEAK MIND MADE ONE MISTAKE.

YOU WISHED YOU'D NEVER BEEN A CHOSEN ONE. AND YOUR BLOOD BOUND YOU TO THAT FATE AS YOU REWROTE ALL THAT WOULD BE.

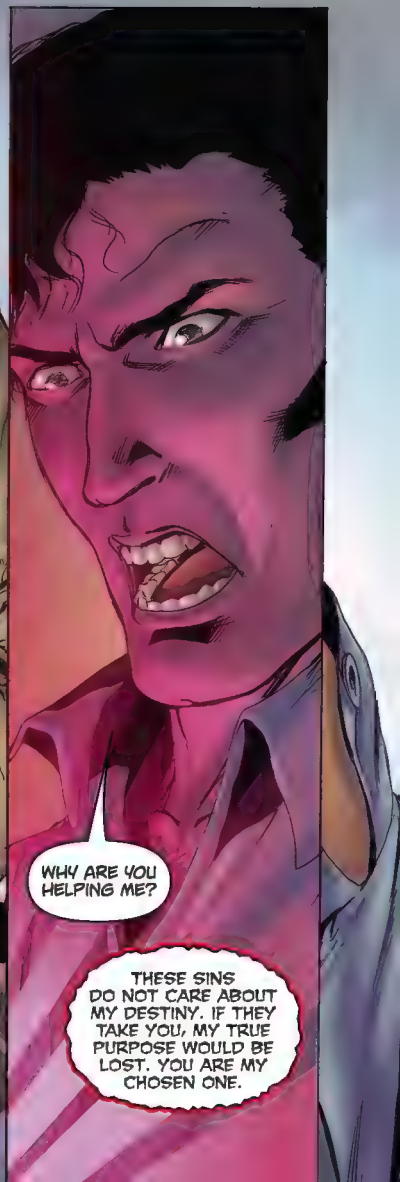


HOW DO I CHANGE IT?

WISH IT AWAY. OPEN MY PAGES AND EMBRACE YOUR PAST!

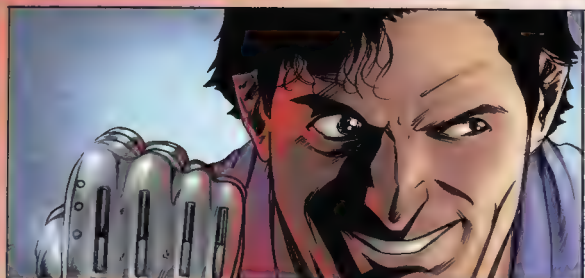
AND THIS WILL HELP ME DEFEAT THE SIX DEADLY SINS?

SOME. WITH MY HELP, YOU CAN DEFEAT THEM ALL.



WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?

THESE SINS DO NOT CARE ABOUT MY DESTINY. IF THEY TAKE YOU, MY TRUE PURPOSE WOULD BE LOST. YOU ARE MY CHOSEN ONE.







HE'S
BACK!

THE KID
ALWAYS HAD A
GREAT ARM!

I KIND OF
DID ALL OF THE
WORK...



EXCELLENT!
I HAVE WAITED
A MILLENNIUM
TO FIGHT AN
EQUAL!

BUCK!
IGGY! GET
SHEILA OUT
OF HERE!



UH. OK.

KIND OF
TIED UP
HERE.

HEY, WHAT
ARE THEY
DOING?



NOW.
LET'S HELP
ASHLEY.

NO.

YOU HAVE
COMMITTED ONLY
MINOR SINS. YOU
NEED TO LEAVE
NOW.

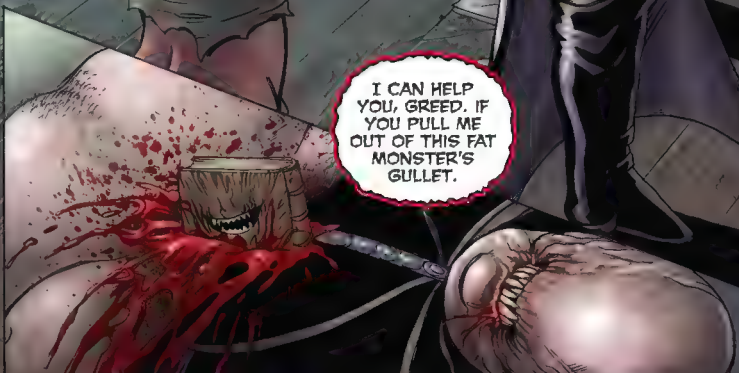
BUT
WHAT ABOUT
ASHLEY?

I CANNOT
PROMISE HE WILL
SURVIVE. BUT WE
WILL NOT HARM
HIM.

I'M A
LOVER, NOT A
FIGHTER.

AND I HAVE
NO CHANCE
AGAINST A
CHOSEN ONE.

I CAN HELP
YOU, GREED. IF
YOU PULL ME
OUT OF THIS FAT
MONSTER'S
GULLET.





I WILL WEAR
YOUR HIDE AS
BODY ARMOR
WHEN THIS IS
OVER!

ODDLY
ENOUGH, THAT'S NOT
THE WORST THREAT
MADE AGAINST ME
TODAY.



I HAVE
YOU.

NOT
GOOD.



NO. IT'S
REALLY
NOT.



THIS WAS THE
MOST FUN I'VE HAD SINCE
THE LAST TIME I WAS ON
THIS MORTAL PLANE AND
RECRUITED GREED INTO
THE FOLD.



VICTUN OPRAR
PURGOTORAR!

WHAT?
WHO SPEAKS
A PORTAL
SPELL?

DOESN'T
MATTER WHO
SPOKE THAT
GOBBLEDY
GOOK, BUDDY.

IF I'VE LEARNED
ONE THING WHEN I
HEAR THAT PIG
LATIN, IT'S TO HOLD
ON TIGHT.



I WAS A GREEDY
MURDEROUS BITCH
WHO DESERVED HER
FATE. BINKY NEVER
HURT A FLEA.





CRUMBLE



LOOKS LIKE WE BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN, DARLING.

HAIL TO ME AND ALL THAT, BABY.

YOU ARE YOU AGAIN.



THAT'S FOR LEAVING ME IN THAT WRETCHED CABIN TO FACE DOWN THE LIVING DEAD.

SLAP



SHEILA, I CAN EXPLAIN.

I CARE NOT. YOU ARE MY CHOSEN ONE AGAIN. YOU HAVE BROKEN THE CURSE OF THE FOUL BOOK.

NOT QUITE. BUT I AM THE CHOSEN ONE AGAIN. HOORAY FOR ME.



HELP IS ON ITS WAY. WE'LL GET YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS SOME MEDICAL ATTENTION. I...UH...GAGGED THE BOOK. IT WAS FREAKING ME OUT.



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?

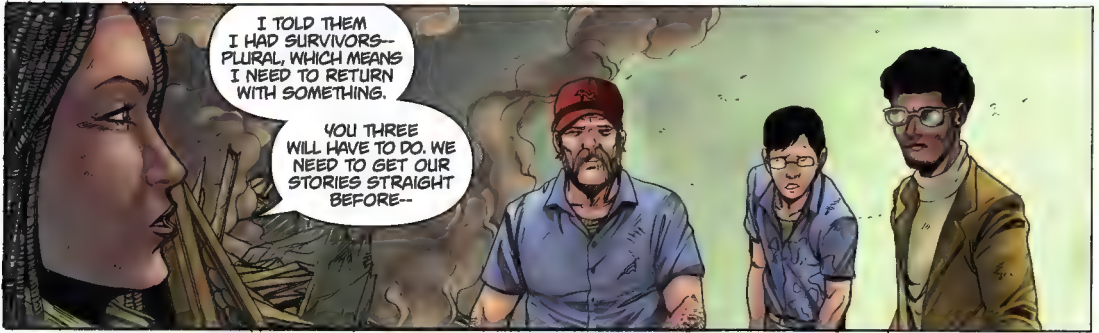
STUDY IT. TRY TO USE IT FOR GOOD, I GUESS.

I CAN'T LET YOU TAKE IT. IT'S MY BURDEN.

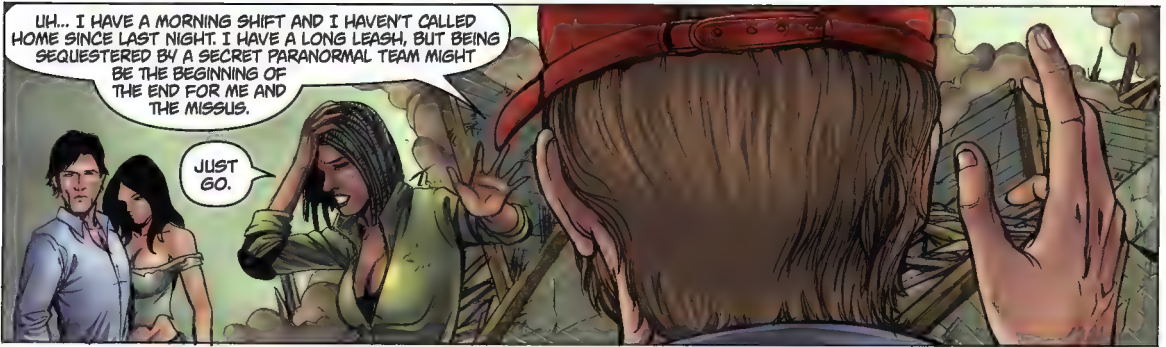


THIS BOOK BRINGS NOTHING BUT DEATH AND BAD MOJO, DARLIN'. TAKE IT FROM AN EXPERT.

WHO AM I TO ARGUE WITH A CHOSEN ONE?
BUT YOU NEED TO LEAVE NOW. THEY'D KILL ME IF THEY KNEW I LET YOU GO.

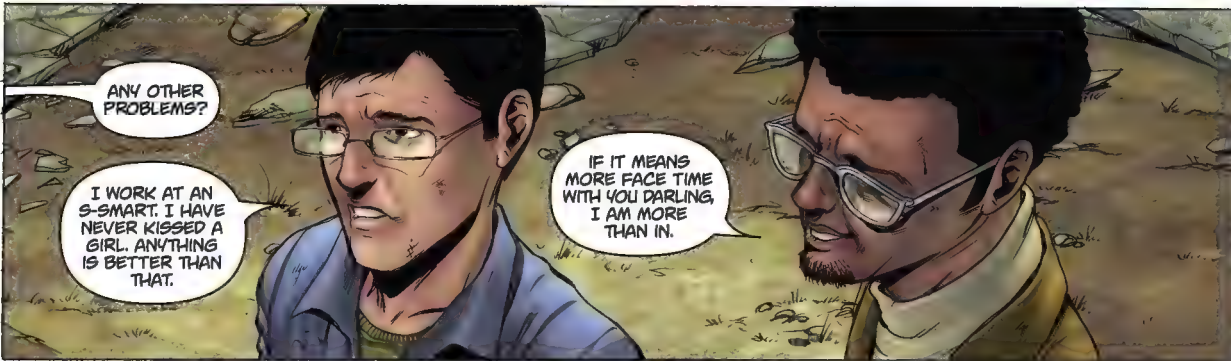


I TOLD THEM I HAD SURVIVORS-- PLURAL, WHICH MEANS I NEED TO RETURN WITH SOMETHING.
YOU THREE WILL HAVE TO DO. WE NEED TO GET OUR STORIES STRAIGHT BEFORE--



UH... I HAVE A MORNING SHIFT AND I HAVEN'T CALLED HOME SINCE LAST NIGHT. I HAVE A LONG LEASH, BUT BEING SEQUESTERED BY A SECRET PARANORMAL TEAM MIGHT BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR ME AND THE MISSUS.

JUST GO.



ANY OTHER PROBLEMS?

I WORK AT AN S-SMART. I HAVE NEVER KISSED A GIRL. ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN THAT.

IF IT MEANS MORE FACE TIME WITH YOU DARLING, I AM MORE THAN IN.

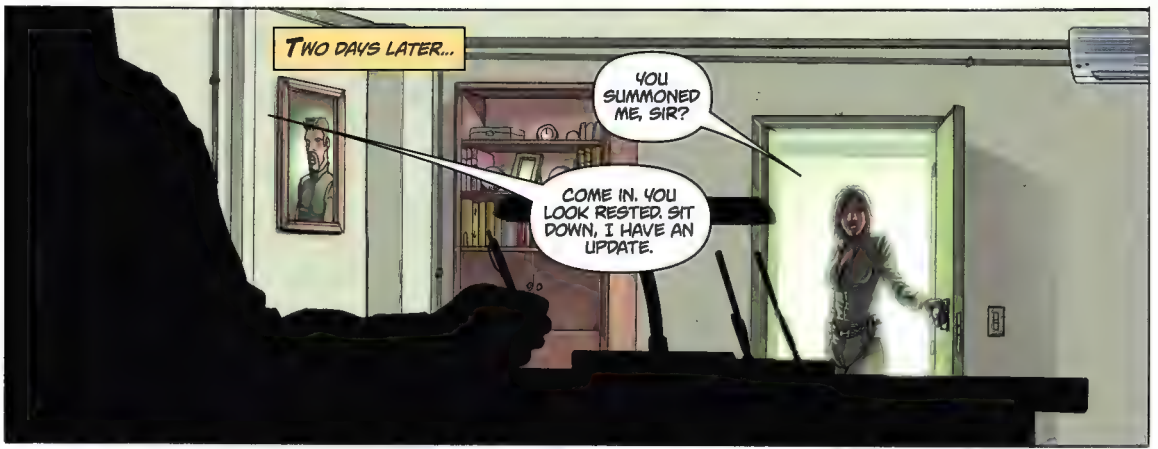


TAKE CARE YOU TWO.

YOU ARE THE TRUEST OF FRIENDS, SIR BUCK AND IGGY.

TAKE IT EASY, BUCK. IG.

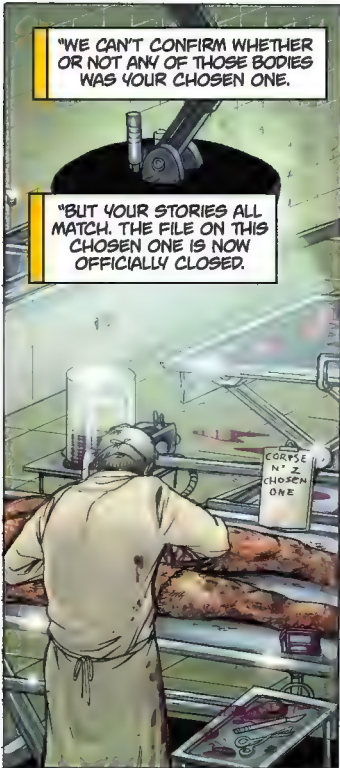
HEY, HOW COME BUCK GOT KNIGHTED AND NOT ME?



TWO DAYS LATER...

YOU
SUMMONED
ME, SIR?

COME IN. YOU
LOOK RESTED. SIT
DOWN, I HAVE AN
UPDATE.



"WE CAN'T CONFIRM WHETHER
OR NOT ANY OF THOSE BODIES
WAS YOUR CHOSEN ONE.

"BUT YOUR STORIES ALL
MATCH. THE FILE ON THIS
CHOSEN ONE IS NOW
OFFICIALLY CLOSED.



THANK
YOU, JOE.

LET IT
OUT, JEFFREY.
YOUR MOTHER
LOVED YOU
VERY MUCH.

"AS FOR DR. WISEMAN, WE'VE
OFFERED HIM A POSITION AS AN
AGENT. HE HAD AGENT LISCOMB
WEEPING TWENTY MINUTES INTO
HIS INTERROGATION. HIS EMPATHY
SCORES ARE OFF THE CHARTS.



"MR. IGGY APPARENTLY HAS BEEN
TOUCHED BY GREAT EVIL AND
HAS RETAINED CERTAIN MENTAL
ABILITIES. HE'S A VALUABLE
COMMODITY TO THE CAUSE.

TWO OF DIAMONDS.
SEVEN OF CLUBS. YOU
LIKE LONG WALKS IN
THE PARK, AREN'T
WEARING ANY
UNDERWEAR...

...AND YOU
RECENTLY HANDLED
THE DEVIL STAFF OF
CLUTAN. NAUGHTY
GIRL.



WHAT DOES ALL
OF THIS HAVE TO
DO WITH ME?

WE'D LIKE
YOU TO HEAD UP A
NEW TEAM, INCLUDING
AGENTS WISEMAN AND
IGGY, GOING AFTER
THE BADDEST OF
THE BAD.

ONLY SOMEONE
WHO WOULD RUSH HEAD
LONG INTO AN ACTIVE
HELL HOUSE WOULD TAKE
ON THAT JOB. WHAT
DO YOU SAY? ARE
YOU IN?



YOU BET
YOUR ASS
I'M IN.



ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

IT FEELS RIGHT. WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE.



AND CHOOSING TO USE THIS BOOK AND EMBRACE MY DESTINY FOR ONCE, INSTEAD OF BEING AFRAID OF IT, IS A HUGE CHANGE.

'TIS SUICIDAL.

AND DO YOU NOT THINK YOU SHOULD PACK SOME MORE?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A LIGHT PACKER.



TOKAR PASTAR DRIVAR!



BY THE GODS!

THE CHOSEN ONE IS BACK.

YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.



NOTHING?

BABY, NEVER QUESTION A CHOSEN ONE.

IT'S REALLY BAD LUCK.

HOME SWEET HELL COVER GALLERY

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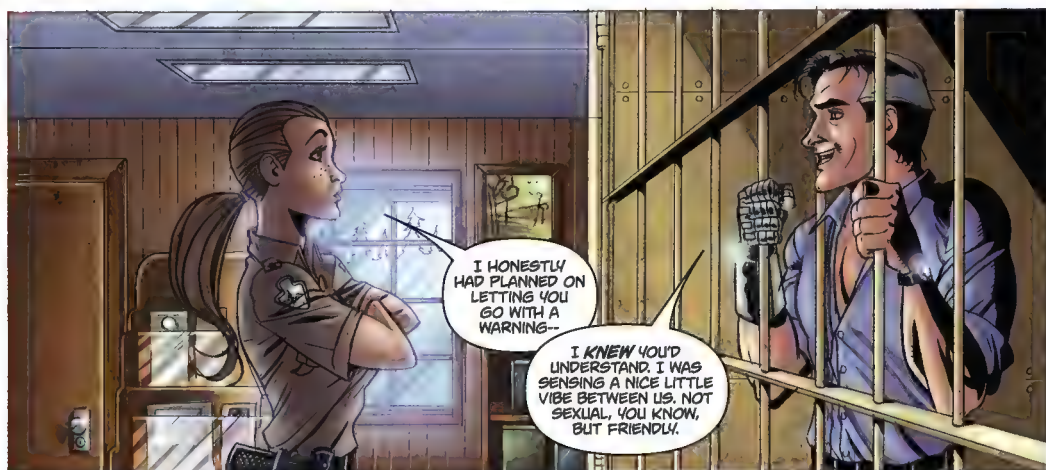
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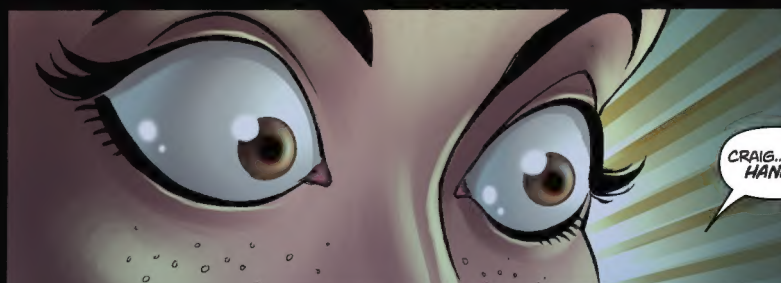
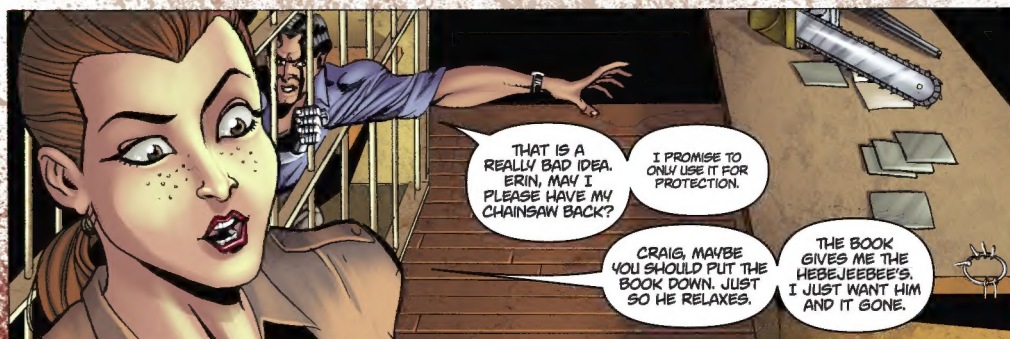
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AN ADVANCED LOOK AT THE NEXT ARMY OF DARKNESS TRADE PAPERBACK COLLECTION

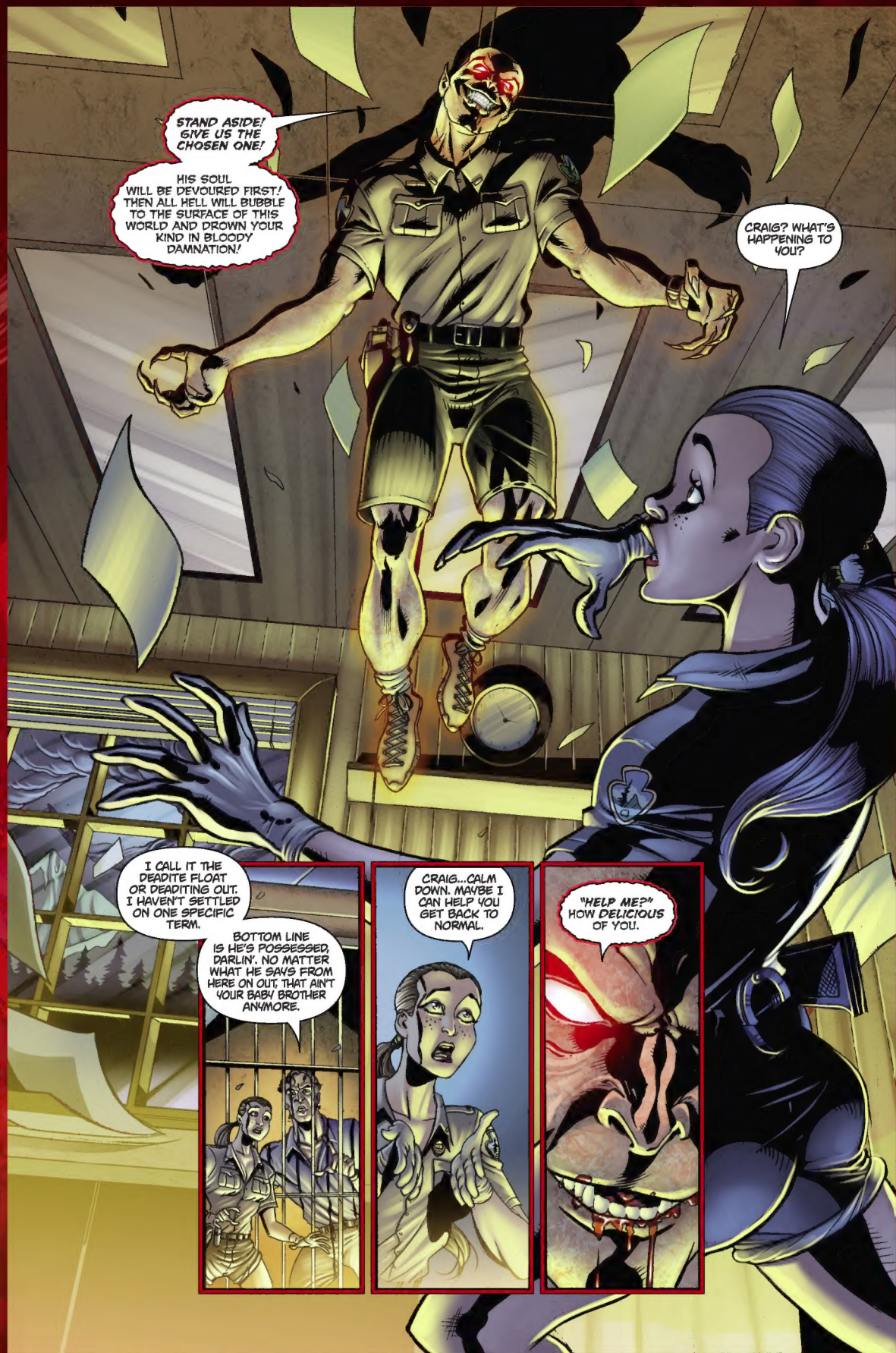


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STAND ASIDE!
GIVE US THE
CHOSEN ONE!

HIS SOUL
WILL BE DEVoured FIRST!
THEN ALL HELL WILL BUBBLE
TO THE SURFACE OF THIS
WORLD AND DROWN YOUR
KIND IN BLOODY
DAMNATION!

CRAIG? WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO
YOU?

I CALL IT THE
DEADITE FLOAT
OR DEADITING OUT.
I HAVEN'T SETTLED
ON ONE SPECIFIC
TERM.

BOTTOM LINE
IS HE'S POSSESSED,
DARLIN'. NO MATTER
WHAT HE SAYS FROM
HERE ON OUT, THAT AIN'T
YOUR BABY BROTHER
ANYMORE.

CRAIG...CALM
DOWN. MAYBE I
CAN HELP YOU
GET BACK TO
NORMAL.

"HELP ME?"
HOW DELICIOUS
OF YOU.

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Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE